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## Kinnock goes on offensive over defence

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock went on to the offensive last night on the critical general election issue of nuclear defence, describing Nato's nuclear strategy as outdated and incredible and accusing the Government of adopting policies which increased the likelihood of a nuclear confrontation.

where their policy has struck a chord with the electorate. The party has internal poll evidence suggesting that Labour's policy of using cuts in the nuclear arsenal to strengthen conventional defence is finding favour with the electorate, and that people are at least questioning, where in the past they accepted of date and, for a variety of obvious technical reasons, incredible.

However, Mr Kinnock and Mr Denis Healey, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, have underlined that Labour will accept Nato strategy until it can change it. He reiterated that a Labour government would not ask the United States to initiate a nuclear war on its behalf by first use of nuclear weapons.

### Greenwich misgivings

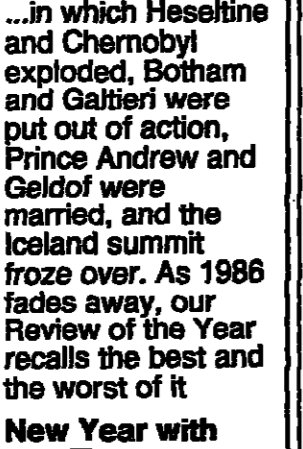
without argument, the desirability of Britain remaining a nuclear weapons power. In a Channel 4 television interview last night Mr Norman Tebbit, Tory chairman, said that Labour had made the fatal mistake of offending its supporters on key areas such as defence. Defence, he said, was good issue for the Conservatives.

Mr Kinnock's intervention comes as politicians in all parties are beginning to speculate on the likelihood of a general election in the spring. Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said yesterday in his new year message that the election had become an end-game for the Government.

The long-term interests of the people and the economy have been subordinated to the electoral cynicism of tax giveaways, credit booms and shop-away schemes. Behind the gleaming high street facade the real economy was in a parlous state.

### Tomorrow

That was the year...



...in which Heselton and Chernobyl exploded, Botham and Gallieri were put out of action, Prince Andrew and Geldof were married, and the Iceland summit froze over. As 1986 fades away, our Review of the Year recalls the best and the worst of it.

### New Year with The Times

A major series on football's future begins on Thursday in *The Times*, the only quality newspaper to publish on New Year's Day. To be sure of this, up-to-the-minute racecards, and full coverage of news and sport, order your copy today.

### Portfolio

The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared yesterday by two readers: Mr R.A. Thompson of Dorking, Surrey; and Mr J.W. Davis of Hutton-le-Hole, Tyne & Wear. Details, page 3.

### Times Sport

New trainer The Aga Khan has appointed Luca Cumani as his third British-based trainer, sending him 15 two-year-olds for the coming Flat season. Page 28.

Table with 3 columns: Home News, Overseas, Appointments, etc. with corresponding page numbers.

## Hunt ends at country house after death crash



Mr and Mrs Ettridge (above), delighted at their daughter's return. Below, Sir Samuel Roberts, who called in the police and Samantha Ettridge.

## Missing girl is unharmed as man surrenders

By Stewart Tendler and Chris Steyn

Miss Samantha Ettridge, aged 17, the Hertfordshire schoolgirl who disappeared on Christmas Eve, was reunited with her family last night as detectives questioned the man suspected of her abduction. Miss Ettridge, tired but unharmed, and Mr Peter Johan Chmilowsky, the suspect, were found by police at a Norfolk country house after a car crash in which a baby was killed.

The girl and the man reached the house through dense forest after their car had collided head-on with another car shortly after dawn yesterday, killing a five-month-old girl in the other vehicle. The infant's parents were both injured in the crash.

When Miss Ettridge telephoned her home at Chesnut, while waiting for the police to arrive at the country house, she said of her ordeal that she had "just talked my way through it".

Mr Chmilowsky was also said to have spoken to her parents. He allegedly told her father: "Hello. It's Pete. I would like to apologize for all the trouble what I gave you."

### Racal buys in Vodafone

Racal Electronics is buying in the 20 per cent of its Vodafone subsidiary that it does not already own for \$160.85 million (£110 million).

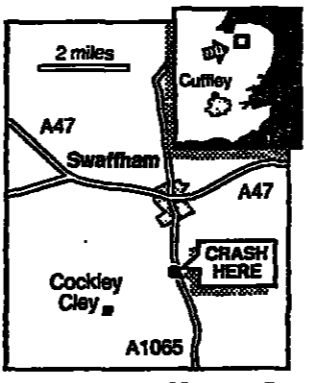
### I was a bit of a drop-out at school...

David Bellamy's early school career was not a resounding success. But the family owned a set of Britannica and young David looked things up in it.

The trouble was, the item next to the one he looked up was often just as interesting. And he couldn't resist turning the page to find out what was overleaf.

### but what I learnt at home from Britannica more than made up for it

Form for requesting a free booklet from Britannica, including fields for name, address, and telephone number.



### Wasps bow to Brent on apartheid

Wasps, the rugby union club whose three junior teams play on pitches owned by Brent Council, have been forced to cancel Thursday's match against Rosslyn Park because their London rivals had chosen two South African internationals who are on holiday in Britain.

### Pretoria imposes new restrictions on black students

The South African Government yesterday gave powers to the Director-General of Education and Training which allow him to restrict and control the movement of black pupils.

### PO chief criticizes 'sell-off'

Sir Ronald Dearing, chairman of the Post Office, yesterday criticized detailed plans published by a Conservative research organization for privatization of the corporation in sections.

### Manifesto on schools derided

Conservative-controlled local authorities and teachers were last night united in their condemnation of a radical right-wing manifesto for the reform of the state education system which, if implemented, would sound the death knell for local authority control of the service.

### DTI inquiry widens to stockbroker

The government investigation into suspected insider dealing by a civil servant has widened to include a small firm of stockbrokers. Whitehall sources said yesterday.

### 50 flee 'violent and permissive US' for Moscow

They were homesick for relatives, while others felt they did not belong in the US. "Russia for Russians, America for Americans. I want to go home to see my mother," said Vladimir Proshinsky, who lived in New York for eight years as a taxi driver and mechanic.

Advertisement for 'I suppose letters will get LOST more efficiently...' featuring a cartoon of a man with a speech bubble and a 'POST OFFICE TO BE PRIVATIZED' stamp.

Advertisement for '50 flee 'violent and permissive US' for Moscow' with a cartoon of a man and a woman.

Advertisement for 'I was a bit of a drop-out at school...' featuring a photograph of David Bellamy.

Advertisement for 'but what I learnt at home from Britannica more than made up for it' featuring a photograph of a Britannica book.

NEWS SUMMARY

# Police gain drug fight powers

Police and customs officers are empowered to investigate the financial dealings of suspected drug traffickers from today in the Government's assault on the elusive financiers of the vast international trade.

The Drug Trafficking Offences Act, passed this year, also allows law enforcement officers to arrest and detain people who tip off suspected drug barons about police investigations.

Other sections of the Act, including the introduction of legal provisions designed to prevent the laundering of money amassed in the drug trade, and provisions which outlaw the possession of paraphernalia such as kits for making cocaine became law on September 30.

These new weapons in the armoury of drug prevention authorities will be completed on January 12, when police will be able to freeze the assets of suspected drug traffickers in advance of court cases and confiscate them once drug dealing has been proven.

# Cavalry crossing Funeral missed

Aldershot could become the first town in Britain to have a pelican crossing for horses.

The Ministry of Defence has asked the local council to help military mounts and their riders cross the busy A325 during excursions.

An Army spokesman said it would pay for the crossing, where there would be two push buttons to operate the signals — one for pedestrians and another at a higher level for riders. An Army horse was killed on the road four years ago.

Dr David Owen is suffering from back trouble and will miss the funeral today of Mr David Penhaligon, the Liberal MP for Truro, who was killed in a car crash a week ago.

The SDP leader is suffering a recurrence of back pain caused by an injury in a motor cycle accident in Cambridge 25 years ago. Dr Owen is bedridden at his Wiltshire home.

The private service for Mr Penhaligon is being held at All Hallows Church, Kea, near Truro.

# Two gunshot deaths

Ulster police were yesterday investigating the death by gunshot wounds of two men, but they believe that in each case the wounds were self-inflicted.

The first casualty was Lance Corporal Gary Kiteley, aged 21, from Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire, who was serving with the 1st Battalion, the Grenadier Guards at the border village of Castlebar, Co Tyrone. His death from a head wound in an Omagh hospital on Sunday was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Brian Felix Watson, aged 26, who lived with his mother in Greysteel, Londonderry, died in hospital early yesterday, also from head wounds. Police said that a legally held shotgun was recovered from his home.

# Disputed news

Mr John Humphrys (right), the new presenter of Radio 4's Today, has launched a vigorous personal attack on Sir Alastair Burnet, anchorman of ITN's News at 10.

Mr Humphrys, former presenter of BBC 1's Nine O'Clock News, accused Sir Alastair in an interview in Woman magazine of misleading the public by claiming that News at 10 was superior.

"If, as Fleet Street and Sir Alastair claim, ITN is so superior, why does it consistently lag behind the Nine O'Clock News in the ratings?"



# Cold cash plea

At least 5,000 Scots die each year from illnesses related to the cold weather, according to the Scottish National Party.

Members of the Federation of Student Nationalists, the SNP's student wing, demonstrated in Glasgow yesterday, claiming that many families and pensioners freeze because they cannot afford to pay their fuel bills.

Mr Alan Douglas, the federation president, said: "No civilized society can allow this scandal to continue. It is a simple fact of life that it costs more to keep warm in Scotland than in England's deep south."

# Inquiry on sinking rejected

Gibraltar is responsible for any inquiry into the sinking of the Icelandic tanker Syneta, in which six Britons died, because the vessel was based on the Rock, the Department of Transport said yesterday in reply to calls for a Government inquiry.

Twelve seamen died when the 1,260-ton vessel hit a rock off Iceland on Christmas Day. Iceland began its own inquiry two days ago in the port of Eskifjörður, from where the ship had left for Liverpool.

The union representing British ships' officers, Numast, is demanding a government inquiry into the incident, but the Department of Transport said yesterday: "It is down to Gibraltar to hold an inquiry, because that is where the ship is registered."

"The Gibraltar Marine Administration will be receiving a copy of the Icelandic report."

Mr John Prescott, shadow employment spokesman, has called on the Government to urge the Gibraltar authorities to act, amid claims that some ships based there fail to meet sea safety regulations.

Mr Eric Nevin, general secretary of Numast, claimed that some ships are registered in Gibraltar to escape strict regulations in other countries.

He added that his union wanted the Government to hold a public inquiry so there would be an opportunity to cross-examine witnesses.

Haggerstone Marine of Hornchurch, Essex, managing agents for the Syneta, would not comment yesterday.

# Anti-Aids campaign delayed

The start of the national television advertising campaign warning about the danger of Aids has been delayed until at least next Tuesday.

A provisional schedule for the campaign, released last month, said that the first commercials would go to air last Saturday.

But the Department of Health and Social Security said last night that the launch had been delayed for logistical reasons.

The national distribution of leaflets about Aids, which was also due to start last Saturday, would not begin until January.

Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York, said in his New Year message yesterday that the communion cup should be cleaned after every use as a "sensible" precaution against the spread of Aids.

# Disease cases

Four cases of meningitis were reported in North Staffordshire over Christmas, but all are said to have responded to treatment.

# MPs' dilemma on private coal industry

By Martin Fletcher  
Political Reporter

A Tory-controlled select committee is likely to call for back-door privatization of the coal industry in the new year, but in doing so could split down party lines.

The energy committee has spent more than a year inquiring into the state of the coal industry in Britain, but three Labour members who are former miners would be under intense pressure to reject any report that threatens state ownership.

However some Conservative members are equally determined that the report shall make definite recommendations on the future structure of the industry.

While they accept that the peculiar characteristics of British coal make its direct privatization impractical, they believe that similar results can be achieved over a longer period by lifting the "scandalous" restraints that hinder the industry's small private sector.

Under existing legislation some 40 small independent opencast mine operators, producing about 10 per cent of Britain's opencast output and employing 1,500 people, have to be licensed by British Coal, pay it substantial royalties for each tonne mined, and face a 25,000-tonne statutory limit.

Independent deep-mine operators, of whom there are well over 150, face similar restrictions, and are also prohibited from employing more than 30 miners in any operation. The independent operators argued that they could produce much more coal with more jobs and at very economic prices if freed from the shackles of British Coal, which is also their main competitor.

In addition, private companies are prohibited from investing in the coal industry, with the result that British Petroleum mines nearly as much coal in Australia and America each year as British Coal does in Britain.

Tory MPs believe that the Department of Energy, not British Coal, should issue licences and receive royalties, and by liberating the private sector introduce genuine competition into the coal industry as well as much-needed capital and management expertise.

Aware of the potentially divisive issues involved, the committee has had an informal reading of the draft report in order to try to achieve unanimity before the formal reading on which there are recorded votes.

Labour MPs are concerned at suggestions that coal should be imported in large quantities from abroad if cheaper than domestic coal, but some

Conservative members acknowledge that there are dangers that the competition might not be fair and the British coal industry could be seriously undermined.

The Labour members have also enlisted sympathy on the Conservative side for their arguments about the social cost of pit closures. They say that closures should be staggered, that efforts to provide new industry should be made in advance of closures not afterwards, and that the effect on communities and the cost of redundancies should be taken into account before closing pits on economic grounds.

# Prospects of jobs down for the start of new year

By Guy Kar

A leading independent survey of employment trends published today shows a slight deterioration in overall job prospects with sharp regional fluctuations emphasizing the North-South divide.

Fewer companies believe they will take on more people in the first quarter of 1987 than at this time last year, according to the latest quarterly survey of 1,530 employers carried out by Manpower, the temporary employment specialists.

Nineteen per cent of the employers surveyed expected to hire new staff during the next three months, 16 per cent expected to reduce the size of their workforce, and 63 per cent foresaw no change.

A similar survey at the same time last year showed a slightly more optimistic picture, with 20 per cent of employers hoping to hire new staff and only 14 per cent envisaging a decrease.

Both manufacturing and service industries forecast a decrease in employment during the next three months while the strongest prospects for increased employment are to be found in the public sector, especially in local government, where activity is being generated in the run up to the May local government elections.

Twenty-six per cent of town halls forecast that they would hire more workers in the first three months of 1987, compared with 24 per cent in the last quarter of 1986 and only 11 per cent this time last year.

The manufacturing sector, which has not shown a rise in employment prospects for two years, offered no better prospect, except among local engineering firms; service industries were much slacker.

Transport, retailing, catering and banking all forecast reduced employment prospects. Only insurance resisted the trend with more than one third of employers hoping to hire more staff.

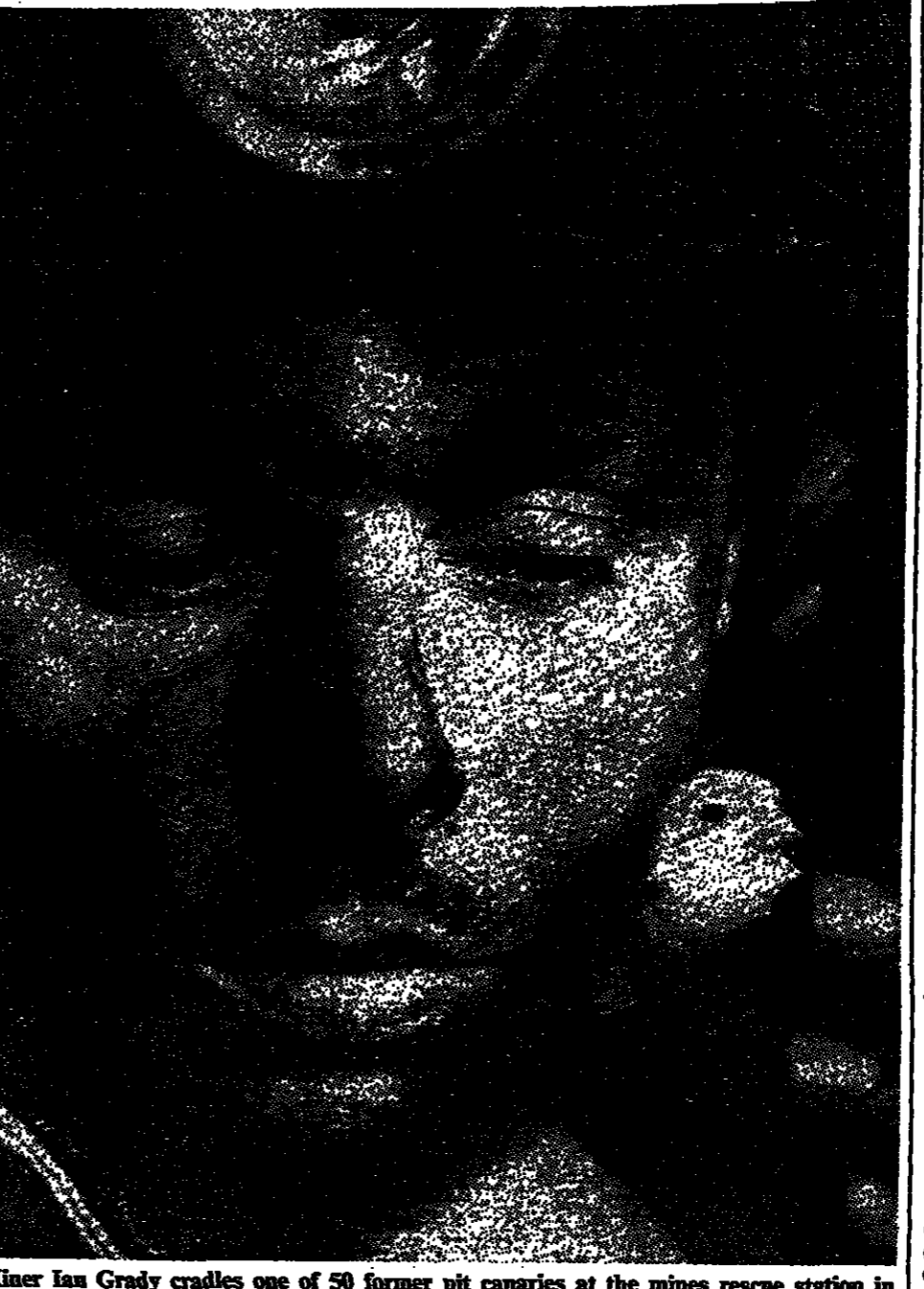
The contrast between North and South is highlighted by the difference between the Home Counties, where a 10 per cent employment increase was expected and Scotland and the north-west of England, where employers predicted a 2 per cent decrease in employment in the first quarter of 1987.

Mr John Daly, general secretary of the National and Local Government Officers' Association, said the overall employment prospects "remained depressing".

The Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, and the General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union said the figures showed unemployment would get worse.

But Mr Michael Jackson, director-general of the Institute of Purchasing Management, said the economy as a whole was improving and better job prospects existed, particularly for young graduates.

"On the whole, engineering is going up and it is creating more jobs. Generally on the retailing side there is more capital spending."



Miner Ian Grady cradles one of 50 former pit canaries at the mines rescue station in Ilkerton, Derbyshire. The birds are being given to miners now that they have been replaced by electronic meters to test for underground gases. (Photograph: Phil Dunn)

# Industrial relations are best since 1964

By a Staff Reporter

Britain is on target to achieve its best industrial relations record since 1964, with fewer working days lost in strikes this year than at any time in the past 23 years.

Preliminary estimates by the Department of Employment show that in the 10 months to last October strikes cost Britain 1,607 million working days.

The final figure should show an improvement on 1964, when 2,278 million working days were lost through strikes, and finish a close second to the 1963 tally of 1.7 million working days lost because of industrial disputes.

The 1986 estimates show a big improvement on the past decade, when an annual average of 11.1 million working days were lost in strikes, and should help to counter Britain's international reputation for industrial strife.

The figures are also expected to endorse the Government's statutory curbs on unfettered trade union power, and will provide the Prime Minister with political ammunition in the run-up to the general election.

In 1984, Britain lost 27.1 million working days, of which 22.5 million were caused by the miners' strike, giving it the worst record in the world. In 1985, the number of lost working days dropped to 6.4 million, partly due to the influence of the Trade Union Act of September 1984, which tightened the law on strike action.

The encouraging estimates for 1986 come in spite of disruption caused by the teachers' strike, which had no impact on industrial production but which cost one-fifth of the 2.1 million working days lost in Britain in the 10 months to last October.

Signs of further gains in manufacturing productivity have also been established, with a 3.6 per cent rise between the three months to October 1985 and the same period this year.

Manufacturing productivity is up by 5 per cent overall since 1980 and should continue to consolidate its gains when the figures for 1986 have been analysed. The total employed labour force, including the self-employed and the Armed Forces, now stands at 24.042 million, while there were 3.216 million, or 11.7 per cent of the working population, unemployed last November.

# Park fears advancing thickets

The rhododendron is causing a £30 million headache for officials of the Snowdonia National Park.

The species rhododendron ponticum now takes up 34sq km of the park, an area the size of a small city, and is spreading. The bushes, which produce a purple flower in early spring, spread to thickets 30 ft high.

Eradication programmes are costly and time-consuming, and park officials have called a conference, with forestry commission experts and scientists from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology to seek new ways of combating the menace.

The national park, in north Wales, has drawn up a £30 million programme which would cost £20 million, using conventional methods such as chopping down the plants with a chain saw and spreading herbicides to stop the spread of seedlings.

The Forestry Commission in north Wales said: "Usually, foresters, farmers and conservationists are united. This particular species is of no use to anybody. It spreads to exclude everything else, and is not a suitable habitat for wildlife."

# London is host to 25,000 pilgrims

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Four important church buildings in London - St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Westminster and Southwark Roman Catholic cathedrals - were filled last night with up to 25,000 young men and women for the start of this week's Taizé Community pilgrimage to the capital.

They were welcomed by Brother Roger Schultz, the founder and leader of Taizé, the ecumenical monastery in France, who spoke to all four of the meeting places by live relay from St Paul's, where the largest group assembled.

Tonight they will be addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and tomorrow night by Cardinal Basil Hume.

The largest contingent is from Italy, from where 5,000 arrived in Britain yesterday. Nearly the same number has come from Spain and Ger-

# Sad task for RSPCA

The annual post-Christmas slaughter of unwanted dogs got into its gruesome swing yesterday.

Between now and Easter, the RSPCA is expecting the traditional influx of puppies given as Christmas gifts but, subsequently, found to be an unwanted.

The organization said that, nationally, returns for the first two weeks of December showed a higher number of dogs than normal being handed in to be put down.

The RSPCA office in Nottingham put down 100 dogs during Christmas week after almost 200 unwanted animals were handed in the previous week.

At Battersea Dogs' Home in south London, 150 dogs have been handed in since Christmas.

"Happily, we have found new homes for more than 70 dogs so far," Colonel Harry Sweeney, the home's director general, said yesterday.

# Greenwich voters voice their misgivings over Labour extremism

By Robin Young

Labour stands to lose votes in the forthcoming Greenwich by-election if the local party insists on selecting an extremist candidate.

A small straw poll taken outside the local Labour Party headquarters in Woolwich Road (locked up and with a sad announcement of the memorial service arrangements for the late MP, Mr Guy Barnett, pinned to the door) revealed that fully three-fifths of former Labour voters were doubtful that they would continue to support the party if an extremist candidate was chosen.

At the same time there was some evidence of Labour support slipping to both the Conservatives and the Social Democratic Party.

Nonetheless, an overwhelming majority of the local voters questioned said that they expected Labour to win.

Mr Barnett's majority of 1,211 gave him only a 3.5 per cent lead over the Conservatives last time, and Greenwich is Labour's nineteenth most vulnerable seat, but electors of all parties still regard it as a traditional safe seat.

That feeling is to a large extent confirmed and justified by local election results in the constituency since the 1983 general election, which have largely gone Labour's way.

Local residents do complain, though, about the Labour council's extremist attitudes. One couple questioned yesterday said: "The council frightens us with their interference in schools, their support for homosexual groups and the like, and the bans they used to keep some newspapers out of our local libraries."

The other issue that seems likely to cost Labour votes is the party's newly adopted non-nuclear policy. A fifth of the former Labour voters questioned yesterday mentioned this as a principal reason why they thought they might not vote Labour again.

The Conservative candidate for the by-election is Mr John Antcliffe, aged 25, a financial adviser with a merchant bank and a local councillor representing Blackheath ward which is in the Greenwich parliamentary constituency.

Mr Antcliffe has lived in Greenwich borough all his life, and in the parliamentary constituency since he was six. His qualifications as a local man were described yesterday as "the strongest card I have".

The SDP-Alliance candidate for the by-election will be Mrs Rosie Barnes, who was adopted just two weeks ago to replace the candidate who ran a strong third at the last general election.

The misgivings which some voters have for Labour were echoed by several of those contacted for the straw poll.

Mr Ernest Abraham, a shopkeeper, of Woolwich Road, said: "I am 77 and I can never remember voting for the winner in an election yet. I don't think there will be any change this time either."

Mrs Marilyn Webb: "I voted Labour before but I would be very adamant against their non-nuclear policy. I am thinking of my children. If we get rid of our nuclear defences I think the country would be too much at risk."

Mr Alan Webb: "I voted Labour last time, but I think I will vote Conservative now. I am attracted by some of the things the Government is doing, and I have just bought my own house."

Miss Hilary Marshall: "I think I voted SDP last time, but I am a newcomer to Greenwich. I might vote Labour here if there was a moderate candidate, but it would make a big difference to me if the candidate was extreme left."

Mrs Veronica Waller: "I voted Conservative before. I might vote SDP this time. I do not think I could support Labour."

But Mrs Jean Bennett said: "I voted Labour before, and I will vote Labour again, whoever the party choose as a candidate."

General Election: N.G. Barnett, (Lab), 13,361; A. Rolfe, (C), 12,150; T. Ford, (SDP/All), 8,783.



Voters in Greenwich: (from left) Jean Bennett, Hilary Marshall, Veronica Waller, Alan Webb and Ernest Abraham.

Police are battling to capture soldiers

By Craig Seton

West Midlands police have also started a recruiting campaign among soldiers serving with the British Army of the Rhine in West Germany. As a result 82 soldiers, including some who saw action in the Falklands and Northern Ireland have applied to join West Midlands police when their service with the Army ends.

A police recruiting team spent two weeks touring 11 BAOR centres looking for new recruits as part of the force's plan to achieve its full strength of 6,700 officers.

Inspector Philip Raw, of the force's recruiting office, said: "We are looking to the Army, because the potential recruits it offers are older, wiser and more stable."

"It does not mean we are looking for tough recruits, simply those who have seen a bit of the world, are used to discipline and responsibility and are physically fit. Many of them are soldiers who have got married and want to settle down."

West Midlands police are the first provincial force to recruit within the BAOR, although the Metropolitan police annually hold a recruiting campaign in West Germany to attract soldiers nearing the end of their service.

Insp Raw said the campaign by the Midlands force did not mean that it was unable to get all the recruits it wanted from the civilian population in the West Midlands, where unemployment is high.

He said: "We are still actively recruiting in the ethnic population and among the unemployed at job centres, but Army recruits have certain qualities in a higher percentage than in the general population."

New police recruits from the Army will start as probationary constables

Anderton angry at probe call

Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, yesterday rejected calls for a public inquiry into the running of his force after "completely unfounded" reports of low morale.

Mr Anderton issued a statement after criticism from two Labour MPs following the resignation last week of Mr John Stalker, his deputy.

Mr Anderton and his force have also been criticized for launching the now-postponed search for more possible victims of the moors murders. Ian Brady and Myra Hindley.

A Sunday newspaper has claimed that senior detectives held secret meetings to voice concern about the way the force was being run and about Mr Stalker's departure. The deputy chief constable had earlier been reinstated after an inquiry into allegations of misconduct.

Mr Anderton said yesterday: "I have no knowledge of any clandestine meetings. On the contrary I have today received, from senior detectives in the police divisions said to be affected, the strongest protestations over the latest revelations in the media."

He said suggestions that resignations had left the force with insufficient officers of the right calibre were "an insult to the integrity and ability of serving officers".

The statement said that detectives were "appalled by stories of low morale, which they contend are untrue."

Labour MPs Mr Terry Lewis (Worsley) and Mr Tony Lloyd (Stretford) have written to the Prime Minister and Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, calling for an inquiry into the running of the force.

Five die in fire set off by candle

Five people died in a fire set off by a candle in a house in the north of England.

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# Faster services and better stations in Inter-City shake-up

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Improvements in British Rail's Inter-City services, including the extension of a fully electrified service from London to Norwich from next May, are announced today. Among the changes are the introduction of two Pullman services linking Birmingham and Sheffield with London. Day visits from many main centres will be possible using new earlier morning or later evening return trains. The spread of trains over the day is to be improved on many routes, and extra trains are to be added to some services to ease overcrowding on Fridays.

## BR cash rolled in after end of cheap first class

British Rail has agreed to re-examine the case for bringing back cheap off-peak first class return tickets, but their abolition in 1983 does not appear to have had much impact on revenues since then, according to the British Railways Board annual report for 1985-86. It shows that first class travel accounted for 1.6 per cent of total passenger journeys, but 10.5 per cent of passenger receipts. In 1981, probably the last reasonably typical year before the abolition of first class day returns in May 1983, the figures were similar, although with first class travel accounting for just under 10 per cent of total passenger receipts. British Rail said that first class travel contributed so much more to total receipts than to the number of journeys because many second class journeys were made at reduced fares, while first class journeys tended to be for longer distances, mainly at full fares. The Central Transport Consultative Committee, which has been pressing British Rail to bring back the off-peak first class return ticket, has warned British Rail that by failing to do so it has nearly destroyed first class travel for ordinary, non-business travellers.

Dr John Pridmore, director of Inter-City, said the new services formed part of a package of improvements for Inter-City in 1987, its twenty-first anniversary year. Other improvements included easier access to many stations, with better car parking, provision of more air-conditioned services, and big investment to improve train catering. There will be later trains to York, Leeds and Newcastle upon Tyne and there will be two new Friday services to Edinburgh and Newcastle to ease congestion. On the west coast mainline to Scotland, there will continue to be six weekday trains each way between London and Glasgow. Some trains will have additional stops at key intermediate stations, including Milton Keynes, Warrington and Oxenholme, for the Lake District.

Journey times on the Midland line should be reduced by a few minutes as re-signalling at Leicester is completed and more trains are hauled by the high speed Inter-City 125 units. Cross country services will also be improved. On the north-east to south-west route, all the basic services will be operated by Inter-City 125 trains. The mid-morning Newcastle to Pezance run will take two hours less. In the late afternoon two new services will run from Liverpool to Poole, Dorset, and there will be an additional midday train from Poole to Manchester.

More than 44,000 miles of new railway is proposed or being built in spite of the economic recession which has blighted development in recent years, according to a worldwide survey. The rail survey, to be published in January, shows that 79 countries see investment in railways as vital for national prosperity. However, Britain has only five miles of line being built, another 26 miles planned and a further 17 miles being considered.



Jonathan Mestel, an English chess grandmaster, seeks inspiration on the beach yesterday at Hastings, East Sussex, before the 62nd Foreign and Colonial Hastings Chess Congress at the Queen's Hotel (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

## Racehorse trainer is found dead

Mr Paul Doyle, an Irish racehorse trainer, was found dead with gunshot wounds to the head in a barn on his stables at the Curragh in Co Kildare early yesterday. Mr Doyle, in his late thirties, who had an international reputation as a bloodstock agent, had been ill for some time. A shotgun was found close to his body and police have ruled out foul play.

## Road safety campaign Drivers steer clear of drink

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## Driver's claim

Mr Carl Lawrence, aged 49, of Albert Terrace, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire, a security van driver, is to claim unfair dismissal against Securicor before an industrial tribunal in Birmingham next month over the loss of his job after he handed cash to armed raiders at Trent Vale, Stoke on Trent, last July.

## Ex-MP sues

Sir Stephen Hastings, the former Conservative MP, yesterday issued a libel writ against *The Observer* and its correspondents David Leigh and Paul Lashmar. The action is over a report of an alleged M15 plot to oust Sir Harold Wilson as Prime Minister.

## Burial ruling

Mr Jack Heath, from Fenton, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, has been told he must wait five years before the body of his wife, Mrs Annie Heath, aged 71, who died on holiday in Spain and was buried near Benidorm last week, can be exhumed and brought to Britain.

## Search fails

Police divers searched Ullswater in the Lake District yesterday for a missing Scottish solicitor, Mr Gerard Devlin, aged 50, left his home in Uddingston, Lanarkshire, last Tuesday, to visit two Glasgow friends, but he did not arrive. His car was found the next day at Gowbarrow, Ullswater. The lake search is expected to resume today.

## Cars blasted

Police are hunting a man with a shotgun who has been blasting cars in Newbury, Berkshire. A driver returned to his parked car yesterday to find it peppered with shot, apparently fired from a moving car. There have been similar incidents.

## Erosion chief

A full-time management officer is to be appointed to tackle severe erosion caused by thousands of hikers along the Pennine Way, National Park Rangers say new techniques are needed to cope with wear and tear on the 250-mile footpath.

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## Portfolio Gold Hopes of new TV realized

Two readers shared yesterday's daily Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000, each receiving £2,000. Mr R A Thompson, of North Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey, who is in his eighties, had been hoping to buy a replacement for his television set. "Now the extra money will make that easily possible," he said. Mr J W Davis, aged 49, a former licensee from Hettles-Hole, Tyne and Wear, plans to use his winnings to redecorate his flat. Readers can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Portfolio Gold, The Times, P O Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.



Mr Thompson: share in £4,000 prize.

## Slimmers vote Duchess as the top figure

Britain's slimmers' vision of perfection is a combination of royal reality and film star fantasy, according to a survey by *Slimming Magazine* of its 1.5 million readers. Nationally, the Princess of Wales is voted the most attractive woman in the public eye, with the Duchess of York second, ahead of Joan Collins, the actress. The Princess of Wales led two other categories, the prettiest face and best dressed, but 58 per cent of the respondents preferred the Duchess of York's size 12 figure to the Princess's size 10, size 10. The Duke of York was voted most attractive man ahead of Tom Selleck and Richard Gere, the actors. Robert Redford, Cliff Richard, Cliff Eastwood and Paul Newman were remembered with a 3 per cent vote. Daily Thompson, the athlete, shared the "best body" title with Tom Selleck. The survey shows that the average slimmer in Britain is a woman, aged 29, married with two children, 5ft 4in who weighs 11st 5lb. She believes that overweight people are less attractive. Chocolate, bread and sweets are blamed for her difficulty in attaining her ideal weight of 9st 6lb.

## Police battling to capture soldiers

Midlands police are battling to capture a recruiting company of British Army soldiers. The company, including 15 soldiers, is believed to be in the area of the Midlands. Police are looking for the soldiers who are believed to be in the area of the Midlands. The soldiers are believed to be in the area of the Midlands. The soldiers are believed to be in the area of the Midlands.

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## Five die in fire set off by candle

A candle used by a disabled woman because she could not reach a light switch probably started the blaze which killed a family of five in a crowded flat in Birmingham, fire investigators believe. Mrs Patricia Bosson, aged 34, who was confined to a wheelchair, died with her three sons and their grandmother aged 70, when the blaze destroyed their two bedroom council flat in King's Norton, Birmingham. The three boys - from Mrs Bosson's first marriage - were John, aged 14, Simon, aged nine, and Paul, aged six. A male relative, aged 33, of Mrs Bosson, escaped from the inferno, but suffered severe burns and yesterday was seriously ill in Birmingham Accident Hospital. Firemen wearing breathing gear fought through thick smoke and fierce flames in an attempt to rescue those inside. They found Mrs Bosson lying next to her wheelchair and the boys in a bedroom with their grandmother. Two of the children died on their way to hospital. Mrs Bosson's husband, Patrick, aged 39, tried unsuccessfully to tackle the fire when it swept through the flat late on Sunday night before running for help. He escaped serious injury. Assistant Divisional Officer David Bayes, of West Midlands Fire Service, said yesterday: "Mrs Bosson was disabled and in the evening it was common for her to read by candlelight after the others had gone to bed because she was unable to switch off the lights."

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## BBC 'cowardly' in halting Biggs film

The film-maker who directed *Slip-up*, the Great Train Robbery drama withdrawn from tonight's BBC schedule at the demand of a retired Scotland Yard detective, yesterday accused the corporation of cowardice, incompetence and waste. "I'm extremely angry and the actors are furious," Mr James Cellan Jones said. He directed the £600,000 film, one of the most expensive to be produced by the BBC. He said it was now unlikely that the BBC would ever show his film about the capture of the train robber, Ronald Biggs, in Brazil by former Det Chief Supt Jack Slipper and the antics of Fleet Street journalists covering it. He claimed that the BBC had lost its nerve in the wake of the libel case brought by a *Panorama* programme, which ended in a £250,000 settlement. Defying a BBC order to keep silent about the circumstances surrounding the film, Mr Cellan Jones claimed that the decision to postpone the film was taken in spite of legal advice that the programme was not defamatory. The film was delivered to the BBC eight months ago but had not been screened by executives until three weeks ago, after it had been scheduled, he said. The BBC said yesterday that the film had been postponed pending the outcome of discussions with lawyers representing Mr Slipper. Mr Slipper said that he was prepared to sue the BBC for libel if it had gone ahead with the dramatization of the capture of Biggs and the failed attempt to extradite him. The film was defamatory and misleading, Mr Slipper said. "I was amazed at the way I'd been portrayed. Besides the numerous inaccuracies throughout the film, it didn't do me justice." Mr Slipper said he was pleased that the BBC had postponed the film but would be satisfied only when it was scrapped. The film, scripted by Keith Waterhouse from a book by Anthony Delano, stars Jeremy Kemp as Mr Slipper, Larry Lamb as Biggs and Nicholas Le Prevost as Colin MacKenzie, the *Daily Express* reporter who led Mr Slipper to Biggs to gain a major exclusive. The film was replaced on BBC-1 tonight by a repeat of the Noel Coward drama, *Mr and Mrs Edgell*.

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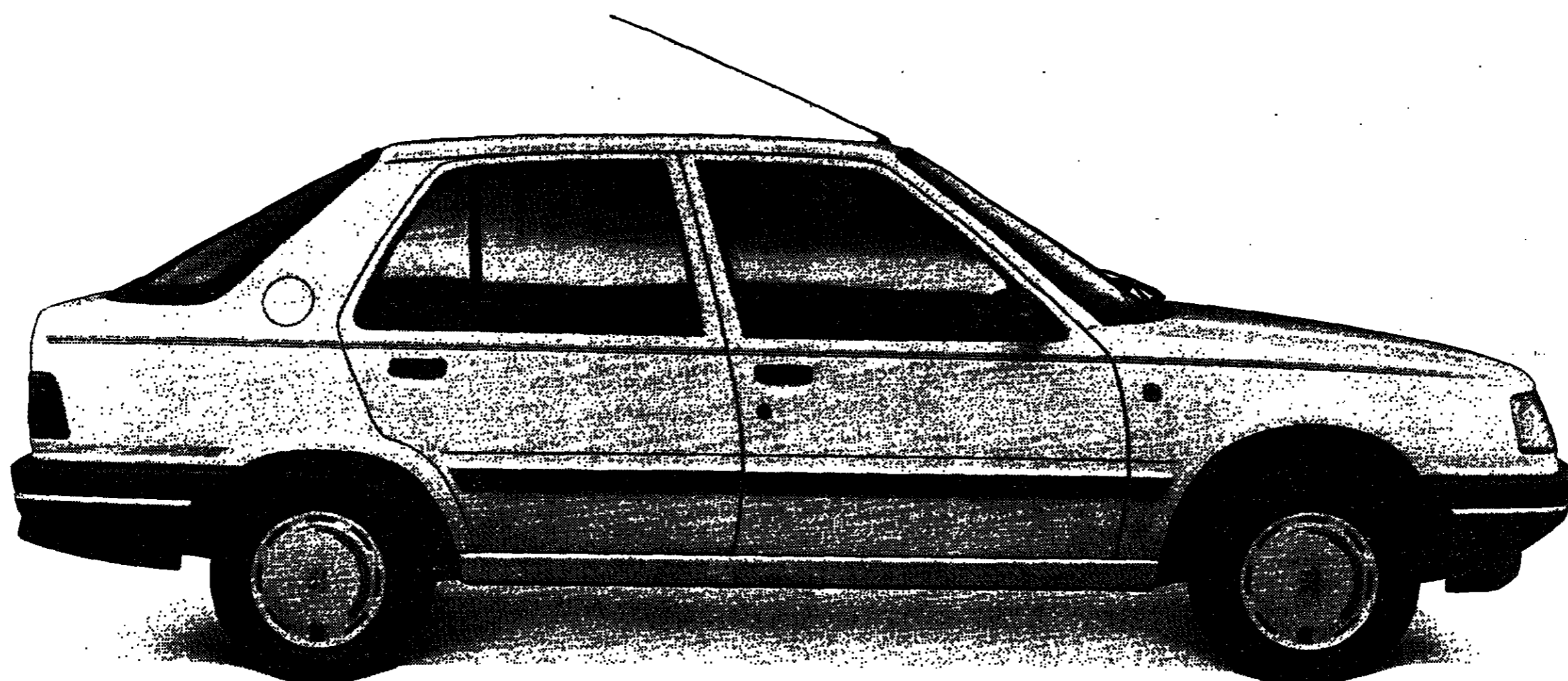
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Housing finance: 2

Societies aiming at urban renewal and specialized homes

It is natural that the Halifax, as the biggest, should lead the building societies into the housing market. But it has not been driven into it "by some confused notion of social duty". Mr John Spalding, director and chief executive, says.

"Our investment rests on a hard core of commercial logic: to maintain and improve the condition of housing in this country, and to secure our longer-term lending markets," he said.

Already the Halifax has some 120 projects under way, mostly with housing associations, and a total of about £130 million committed to provide about 5,000 homes, largely in urban renewal schemes and providing sheltered homes for the elderly.

Support for housing initiatives and urban renewal began with a special budget in 1982 of £35 million. The allocation has grown to £300 million in 1986, representing 5 per cent of total lending.

The new subsidiary company will normally use a "design and build" approach, using large or medium-size builders.

In the second of two articles, Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent, describes building societies' plans to move into housing and particularly into specialized developments.

Mr David Coutie, the society's housing development controller, hopes for involvement in a greater mixture of tenures than in the past, concentrating on:

● Owner occupation, which the society believes could reach saturation at 70-75 per cent (it is now about 64 per cent in England);

● The specialist market, such as homes for single people, and developments incorporating offices or showrooms in housing projects, because more people work from home;

● And ways of developing private rented housing.

The Halifax also has big regeneration projects, such as at Swansea docks.

It is involved in shared ownership schemes and is also enthusiastic about the regeneration of private rented housing.

Index-linked finance seems to be the answer, it believes, and suggests the partnership

of building societies, providing index-linked loans, and housing associations.

The Nationwide, which has already completed about 1,600 units, will aim at 2,000 a year, and perhaps more after its merger with the Anglia Building Society. "It is not our job to compete with the volume builder," it states.

"The overtones of our work are social, and we will be aiming at the elderly, disabled, first-time buyers, and those with special needs, extending the range of housing supply and widening the choice through different funding arrangements."

The Woolwich Equitable Building Society funds schemes where the purchasers are nominees who buy a leasehold interest through the local authority. The society is determined to pursue its philosophy of providing housing for people who could not otherwise afford it on the open market.



Ray Reardon in jovial mood at the table with Mr Charlie Pearce and Mrs Helen Hamlyn (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Snooker gives the elderly a new life

Snooker and pool are well in favour among elderly residents of Ellesmere Home in Fulham, west London, after a coaching session yesterday by Ray Reardon, the former world champion.

Mr Reardon coached Mr Charlie Pearce, aged 80, one of 95 male and female residents of the residential and day care

home, after officially presenting the table as a Christmas present.

The gift was organized by the Helen Hamlyn Foundation, an organization established 12 months ago to seek creative solutions to the problems of the aged.

Mr Denis O'Hearn, the Ellesmere administrator, said

that the table had been in constant use since it was unveiled three weeks ago. Mrs Hamlyn is a frequent visitor.

While lobbying the Government to improve conditions for the elderly, the foundation has co-sponsored an exhibition of products at The Boilerhouse, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, west London, designed to help the aged remain independent.

Mr O'Hearn said that a special feature of life for Ellesmere residents was the opportunity for them to meet and work with three unemployed 17-year-olds, who are spending a year on work experience at the home.

Mystery caller says she knows murderer

An anonymous woman telephone caller has told detectives that she knows the killer of the Bradford teacher. Mr Donald Swaine.

Detectives leading the investigation said yesterday that an officer received a telephone call at the Batley police station, 10 miles from the murder scene.

The woman said she knew who was responsible for the death of Mr Swaine, aged 48, but refused to give personal details or elaborate.

Det Supt Ken Baines, who is leading the murder investigation, pleaded for the woman to get in touch again. "The officer who took the call had a feeling she was being genuine," he said.

The woman who rang the police station could be a prostitute who works in the red light district where Mr Swaine's body was found.

Mr Swaine, who worked at the Drummond Language Centre in Bradford, was walking home to Hazelhurst Road, Heaton, Bradford, on Christmas morning after a drink with colleagues from the Youth Hostels Association.

He was dragged to a back yard at Highfield Place, Bradford, where he was attacked.

Mr Swaine's widow, Brenda, aged 51, and their children, Martin, aged 15, and Helen, aged 13, were being comforted by relatives.

Fair rent panels criticized

By a Staff Reporter

A housing aid centre has alleged that a system of fixing a fair rent for private tenants seems loaded against the centre.

The criticism comes in the wake of a case of a Norwich man whose rent was first lowered by £15 a month by a fair rent officer, then increased by £70 a month by a rent assessment committee after an appeal by his landlord.

Shac, the London housing aid centre, said such cases were common and called for assessment committees to be scrapped, leaving the fair rent officer's decision to be challenged in the courts.

The fair rent system, administered by the Department of the Environment, was designed to stop unscrupulous landlords charging excessive rents.

Shac points out, however, that according to government figures for 1985, assessment committees increased rents above a rent officer's recommendation in 57 per cent of cases. A lower rent was recommended in only 16 per cent of cases.

In London, committees increased rents above an officer's recommendations in 70 per cent of cases and reduced rents in 7 per cent.

Shac said: "One criticism of these committees is that they are packed with 'property professionals' appointed from the local great and good, and they tend more towards the landlord's point of view."

The Department of the Environment dismissed the criticism and pointed out that people from different walks of life were appointed to the committees.

Dog-bite athlete reassured

Eamonn Coghlan, the international athlete who was savaged by a dog set on him by two teenagers as he was out training in Dublin, hopes to be back in training when he returns to the United States next week.

Fears that severe tissue damage caused by bites to his right calf and left thigh could put his career in jeopardy were allayed by surgeons yesterday after the athlete underwent two operations. But it will be some days before the full extent of the damage is known.

The world 5,000 metres champion and holder of the indoor mile record said he hoped to resume training for the United States indoor season. His left hand was broken when he tried to ward off the terrier dog, which had been told "get him, get him" by the teenagers.

He had rebuked them for shouting bad language to a woman and her child.

Mr Coghlan, aged 33, was visited in hospital yesterday by his wife, Yvonne, and their two children.

Rescuer dies

Miss Gladys Gale, aged 64, who was badly burnt rescuing her collie dog from her blazing Wiltshire home last Friday, died late on Sunday. Firemen took her from her house in Codford St Mary still clutching the dog.

Blandford case

Lord Blandford, aged 31, will appear before magistrates at Thame, Oxfordshire, on January 15 accused of speeding on the Oxford ring road.

Shelbourne dispute

Elegant hotel is unusually quiet

By Richard Ford

Things are unusually quiet at the Shelbourne Hotel, "the most distinguished address in Ireland", as a strike by more than 100 workers enters its twelfth week.

Visitors arriving at the Trust House Forte hotel in Dublin are greeted by picketing staff demanding better pay. Where once the head porter, Mr James Dixon, would greet them inside the hotel's foyer, he can now be found along with other colleagues out on the street with fellow members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

Although the management has entered the festive spirit by decorating the hotel's ground floor function rooms, staff admit privately that business has been affected seriously by the dispute.

The 177-room hotel's banqueting facilities are not operating, and while the bar, dining room, and lounge remain open they are not as busy as usual for the Christmas period. Other hotels in the city report an increased number of people who used to stay at the Shelbourne coming to their premises during the past few weeks.

Staff from the hotel group in Britain, together with people recruited since the dispute started, have helped keep the Shelbourne's doors open during a strike that shows little sign of an early settlement.

It is being organized by the ITGWU, which as part of its

campaign published a mock menu listing meals and their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a day at the Shelbourne, adding, "with major reservations about the wage levels", and compared the £18 for slices of fresh salmon cooked in butter and served on a sauce of white wine and samphire with the £13.60 earned by a waitress for an eight-hour day, and added: "She couldn't afford the meal she served."

The ITGWU says that basic earnings at the hotel, which employs 170 people, are lower than in other comparable establishments in the city and in particular with THF's other property, the International Airport Hotel. The union also complains about the distribution system of the 15 per cent service charge payable on food and room receipts claiming that the company takes 2.5 per cent to supplement the earnings of a number of employees.

THF said that it would not negotiate under duress, but added that it had implemented a 6 per cent pay award plus an extra £3 a week recommended by the Labour Court in the republic. It said: "We have acted in accordance with accepted practices in dealing with disputes of this kind."

It claimed that the hotel was operating normally.

On Friday evening at 9pm, however, there were just 12 people in the bar and four in the lounge.

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# Secret inquiry clears Shamir and puts Shin Bet case to rest

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

A secret report by the Justice Ministry has cleared Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, of any responsibility for the death of two Palestinians at the hands of the Shin Bet counter intelligence agency and for the subsequent cover-up.

The scapegoat for what happened is Mr Avraham Shalom, who was forced to resign as head of Shin Bet over the affair and who, like ten other agents involved, was

ings from lawyers and political opponents of Mr Shamir.

The report is based on a three month long secret investigation by police which was ordered into the way the two Palestinians were beaten to death by Shin Bet agents after being taken off a bus they are said to have helped to hijack in April 1984.

Two official inquiries into the matter failed to reach any meaningful conclusions largely because the evidence put to them was rigged by Shin Bet lawyers. After Mr Hazak revealed what had been going on the Government agreed in July with the utmost reluctance to the police inquiry.

The 65-page report has found that Mr Shamir, although Prime Minister and so responsible for Shin Bet at the time of the killings, was personally unaware of what happened. More importantly it discounts the allegation of Mr Shalom that the killings and cover-up had been carried out "on authority and with permission so as to maintain the security of the state".

This clear suggestion that Mr Shamir directly ordered the murders and rigging of evidence was later watered down to the allegation that he had issued a general instruction to kill all captured terrorists. In an interview when the inquiry was set up Mr Shamir denied that any such instruction existed but went on: "It wasn't in the form of instruction. It was a conversation... there was no instruction, that's mere talk."

The High Court granted a defence request and postponed, until February 16, the hearing of war crimes charges against Ivan John Demjanjuk, alleged executioner of Treblinka.

granted a Presidential pardon after admitting improper and criminal behaviour.

The report also exonerated Mr Shimon Peres, who was Prime Minister during a rigged inquiry into the case, and Mr Moshe Arens, who was Defence Minister when the killings occurred. It concludes there is no point in prosecuting any of the pardoned agents nor the unpardoned former deputy head of Shin Bet, Mr Reuven Hazak, who knew what was happening but who then forced the affair into the open.

Mr Shamir was delighted with the outcome and "satisfied that the truth is now out". Those who had criticized him should now eat their words, he said.

There has been immediate criticism of the report's find-



Brother Clement Mullinger, of the Anglican Society of Sacred Mission in the tiny town of Modderpoort, in South Africa's Free State, leads worshippers in Christmas celebrations in a cave, thus perpetuating the ancient tradition of early Christians who sought to keep their worship secret from persecutors.

## Happier to live in Siberia

# Moscow branded Maryana as a witch

From Christopher Walker Moscow

The latest and most bizarre result of the Soviet media's new policy of glasnost (openness) has been the disclosure of the extent to which medieval superstitions and a belief in old-fashioned witchcraft are still thriving among well-educated young urban dwellers in the Soviet Union.

The finding was published in the latest edition of the popular magazine, *Rabotnitsa* (Working Woman), which investigated the disturbing case of a young woman identified only as Maryana, who was forced into self-imposed exile in Siberia after being condemned as a witch in the

Moscow suburb in which she lived.

The article has provided public confirmation of the conviction held by many leading Western observers that superstitions of all kinds remain far more deeply rooted in the Soviet character than Soviet officials have until recently been prepared to admit.

The investigation was launched after the woman, branded as a 20th century Soviet witch, appealed to the magazine's editors for help after being driven from her home only "a 40-minute train ride" from Moscow.

"It seems that a great many people believe in all sorts of incantations, fortune-telling, bewitchment and casting of spells," Maryana wrote.

"Even a high education does not hinder this belief. Is it not true that some serious discussion of this dreadful phenomenon should appear in print so that victims like myself, of such absurd tales, should find support in sensible public opinion?"

The magazine reported that the woman's troubles had begun at school when she and a friend were going out with two local boys, one of whom died suddenly of brain cancer. Their chemistry teacher suggested that an evil spell had been cast on the dead boy and rumours began circulating that Maryana was a witch.

Her friend then claimed she had cast a spell which had wrecked her marriage and a teacher claimed that her son

had been born with a congenital disease only because his birth coincided with the year Maryana arrived in the town.

"Maryana's friends and acquaintances all accepted the fact that she was indeed a witch and whenever she met them they would either lower their eyes or cross the road," the magazine said.

"It would be timely to remind the reader that this took place not in the dark middle-ages, but in our own enlightened century, which we call atomic, not to mention, civilized."

The article added that the woman became such an "object of fear and hatred" in the town that she finally left for northern Siberia, where she now lives much more happily.

# Redundant labour faces socialist version of the dole

In the second article of his two-part series on Hungarian financial reforms, Roger Boyes, East Europe Correspondent, looks at their impact on employment prospects in industry.

## Hungary's economy Part 2

Next year is the year when the sacred cows of Hungarian industry begin to buckle at the knees. As the Government withdraws subsidies from traditionally protected sectors - the steel and engineering industries, meat processors and coal mines, among others - so large-scale redundancies are becoming more common.

It is officially estimated that between 150,000 and 200,000 jobs will have to go between now and 1990, with workers being "relocated". Some of the cuts that come into force this year include:

● Seven thousand railway jobs. Because the authorities reduced their subsidy to Hungarian Railways, operating profits have dropped from about 10 billion forints (£140 million) to the 1986 level of

though union leaders deny it, the system sounds suspiciously like the dole.

The unions have become an important part of the equation in Hungary - and indeed in all Soviet bloc countries preparing to introduce market-style measures. Since the banning of Solidarity in Poland one noticed a distinctive trend: Communist unions now form the fiercest resistance to reform.

This emerged not only at a recent congress of the Polish Government-sponsored unions - where the speech of union leader Mr Alfred Miodowicz sounded distinctly conservative - but also in Hungary. One of the top party leadership in Hungary, Mr Karoly Grosz, sometimes regarded as a hard-liner, has recently been emphasizing the need for income differentials.

"We are constantly required to call to account those people who are smarter, more diligent and more talented than others in order to ask them to explain their high wages," Mr Grosz said. "But it is obvious: their incomes are higher because they are smarter, more diligent and talented. Should we hit these people on the head and force them constantly to defend themselves? We will not choose this approach."

This could be regarded as a direct assault on the trade unions which have been pressing for much smaller income differentials. But there is no room any more for evangelists of simple socialist equality in Hungary. When the party leadership makes a rare reference to equality it refers only to the somewhat dubious "equality of opportunity."

The deeper one probes the more obvious become the parallels between what is happening in the East and the changes underway in the West. That does not necessarily mean that Hungary is smuggling capitalism into the Soviet bloc. Rather it suggests that industrialized countries in both East and West are facing difficult problems of modernization and that there are few available options.

But after four decades of sheltered living the new financial revolution in Hungary will be profoundly shocking to ordinary people, more unnerving than similar developments in the West.

Concluded

## There is no room any more for evangelists of simple socialist equality in Hungary

600 million forints (just over £10 million).

● About 200 workers will be shed from the Meat Processing Company in southern Hungary and several other plants, processing mainly pork, will be announcing similar redundancies in the next few months.

● Plant closures in a Hungarian foundry near the Czechoslovak border will lead to the dismissal of about 600 workers, and a further 1,500 will be laid off before 1990.

There is officially no unemployment under communism and all the dismissed workers will be offered new jobs. But with scores of enterprises close to bankruptcy, there are doubts about whether the Hungarian economy is elastic enough to absorb quickly those made redundant.

The new year is expected to bring a much sharper implementation of the Hungarian bankruptcy laws which permit creditors and unpaid suppliers to take defaulting companies to court. It is all part of a structural upheaval and a large number of workers in sick industries are likely to suffer.

The unions have negotiated a special "reintegration" grant for laid off workers. But

## 18 die in Christmas massacre

From Ahmed Fazi Dhaka

Eighteen people were killed in a Christmas Day massacre as separatist tribal guerrillas raided a border village in Bangladesh's troubled south-eastern Chittagong Hill Tracts region, the Interior Ministry disclosed yesterday.

The guerrillas came from the eastern Indian state of Tripura.

The massacre occurred two days after at least 20 people were killed when the outlawed Shanti Bahini - which has been fighting for a separate homeland for half a million Chakma and Marma tribesmen since 1976 - attacked the frontier town of Ramgarh.

Police said most of the Christmas Day victims were ethnic Bengali Muslims, resettled in the tribal village of Marishya.

Authorities said the two bloody incidents halted the repatriation of more than 10,000 tribesmen who fled to India last April as security forces stepped up an anti-insurgency drive.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh and Indian officials began talks yesterday to halt the cross-border fighting.

## Punjab at standstill for protest

From Kuldip Nayar Delhi

Following a call by the All-India Sikh Students Federation for a two-day *hartal* (closure) from yesterday, the state of Punjab was practically at a standstill and even Hindus did not open shops, despite the advice of Shiv Sena, a Hindu militant body. Apart from isolated incidents of violence, the protest was peaceful.

The action, supported by militants and the Akali break-away group of Mr Prakash Singh Badal, the former Punjab Chief Minister, was called in protest at death sentences imposed on three assassins of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the late Prime Minister, and delay in the release of more than 300 Sikhs detained at Jodhpur since 1984.

Buses and trains remained idle in most parts of the state. In many cities Sikhs youths went on to the streets to shout slogans in support of Khalistan, the concept of an independent state for Sikhs.

In Amritsar district police yesterday arrested 12 extremists who were said to have been responsible for the death of a village headman.

## Rebels renew attacks after Barre victory

From Our Correspondent, Nairobi

As Somalis went to the polls to give President Siad Barre a massive 99.93 per cent vote of confidence, returning him to power for another seven-year term, rebel forces of the Somali National Liberation Movement (SNLM), suddenly renewed their anti-Government attacks after a long dormant period.

According to the Ethiopian-based Radio Halgan, operated by the SNLM, they launched a major attack on an army base in northern Somalia, killing more than 100 Government troops, including their commander, Colonel Ahmed Nagaye.

The rebel broadcast said the attack was on Gumburra, nearly 20 miles from Hargeisa, which serves as the Army's battalion headquarters. The radio also denounced the latest presidential election as a fraud and pledged to

continue the struggle to topple the Somali leader, who was seriously hurt last May in a car accident.

Although he is handling his official duties in Mogadishu again, President Barre is said to be working only two hours a day, on medical advice.

The election results, supplied by the country's Electoral Commission, indicated that 4.8 million voted in polling for the sole candidate on December 23. The 99.93 per cent vote compares with a 99.91 vote he was said to have received in the 1980 election, held under similar circumstances.

A rally took place in the seaside capital on Sunday to celebrate the victory for soldier-politician, who seized power in a coup in 1969. President Barre is officially aged 67, but some believe him to be much older.

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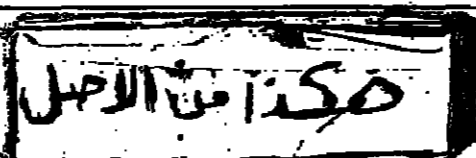
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Risk of new blast at German hotel

Bonn - Firemen yesterday were burning off leaking liquid gas at a Bavarian winter resort hotel amid the risk of a further explosion following a blast last Saturday that killed seven guests and injured 12 others (John England writes).

Airstrip proposal 70 killed in Sudan

Pretoria (Reuter) - South Africa yesterday confirmed reports it had plans to build an airstrip on Marion Island in the Antarctic, but ignored allegations that it was connected with nuclear missile tests.

Singapore reshuffle

Singapore (Reuter) - Mr Sappiah Dhanabalan, the Singapore Foreign Minister, was given the additional portfolio of National Development Minister in a Cabinet reshuffle announced yesterday and due to take effect from January 1.

Libyan victory

Paris (AP) - Press reports said yesterday that the desert outpost of Zouar at the edge of the Tibesti Mountains in northern Chad fell to the Libyan forces that had been attacking it since December 19.

Arabs' second satellite

Abu Dhabi (AFP) - The board of the Arab Organization for Space Communications and Satellites (Arabsat) began a two-day meeting yesterday to discuss plans to launch the second generation of Arab satellites.

Birthday amnesty Shuttle payouts

Kathmandu (AP) - Some 202 prisoners had their prison terms remitted and were set free yesterday on the occasion of King Birendra's 42nd birthday, the Home Affairs Ministry announced.

Voyager couple set for the big sell

After collecting medals from President Reagan here today, Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, the pilots who went around the world on one tank of fuel in their experimental aircraft, Voyager, will embark on a whirlwind journey to conquer the high-flying world of marketing.



Striking French railwaymen marching in front of a stranded train yesterday during a protest demonstration at Marseille's Saint-Charles station.

French rail peace hope grows after concession

Paris - Fresh hopes for a settlement of the 12-day-old French rail strike arose yesterday when the SNCF management announced that it was ready to re-open official talks with the unions today in view of what it described as a significant improvement in train services.

Iran and US closer to deal

Washington - American and Iranian negotiators were meeting at The Hague yesterday to discuss \$500 million (£342 million) of frozen Iranian assets held in US accounts, according to a spokesman for the Iran-US claims tribunal.

Monks in clash over Bethlehem clean-up

Jerusalem - Armenian monks shouted down a Greek monk from a ladder in the Basilica of the Holy Nativity in Bethlehem yesterday when he tried to clean more of the church than was permitted in a complicated inter-confessional agreement.

British and Guatemala resume diplomatic relations

London - Britain and Guatemala yesterday announced the resumption of full diplomatic relations after a 23-year break. Both countries are to nominate ambassadors soon.

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German election to cost SPD dearly

Bonn - If the predictions of the latest opinion poll on next month's West German federal election come true, not only will the Social Democratic Party (SPD) emerge with its dream of topping Chancellor Kohl's shattered, but also with a huge campaign debt.

Treaty ignores Belize question

London - The agreed statement was one paragraph shorter than the Spanish document. Although unavailable in London, the Spanish document was said by Whitehall sources to contain a reference to Guatemala's claim.

Juan Carlos ignores ski resort hotel blast

Barcelona - King Juan Carlos of Spain was out on the slopes skiing as planned in Baqueira Beret yesterday, in spite of a bomb exploding only hours before in the leading hotel of the Pyrenean resort where some of his security men were staying.

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Tokyo to end defence taboo

From David Watts Tokyo - The Japanese Government has removed an important psychological brake on its defence expenditure with a decision to exceed a self-imposed limit of 1 per cent of gross national product next year.

Nakasono the man to break mould

The US Government will be delighted that Japan is now demonstrably willing to share more of the burden of its own defence and that of the Pacific.

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Losing face on the beat in western Japan

Tokyo - Police in western Japan are still shamed after the day they had to launch a big manhunt for one of their own officers, after a case of bicycle theft. They found him 17 hours later, cycling away from his pursuers (David Watts writes).

SALE

Advertisement for MCAFE shoes featuring two models: a brown classic oxford for £69.90 and a brown tasseled loafer for £79.90. The ad includes the store address: 100 New Bond St., 17 Old Bond St., 73 Knightsbridge, 46 Cuzco St., 29 Lime St., 5 Cork St. and the slogan 'beauty made to last'.

Students defy authorities with Peking protest march

Peking (Reuters) - Students at Peking Teachers' University staged a march early yesterday morning in defiance of a ban on unapproved demonstrations and amid increasing official impatience with China's wave of campus protest.

Judges tackle entry tangle

From Michael Binyon Washington

One of the most controversial legacies of the McCarthy era is the widespread authority of US officials to prohibit entry to the United States by anyone suspected of being a Communist or holding beliefs deemed hostile to the American way of life.

Manila claims Marcos plunder



Mr Jovito Salonga, head of the commission trying to recover the Marcos's wealth, detailing his allegations.

Manila (AFP) - The Government filed its first suit in the Philippines to seize wealth allegedly plundered by the deposed president, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, with a claim for more than \$700 million (\$500 million) in damages.

Two die as helicopter plunges into ocean

Perth (Reuters) - Divers recovered two bodies from the sunken wreck of a helicopter which crashed into the sea off north-west Australia.

Iron Curtain conquered

Kassel (Reuters) - A 22-year-old East German escaped to the West by using home-made climbing gear to scale a fence on the heavily-guarded frontier with West Germany.

Par of touch

Paris (Reuters) - The cyclone-hit French Pacific island of Futuna has lost its link with the outside world - a police radio - and attempts to fly in badly needed food and medical supplies have failed.

Lost at sea

Ankara (Reuters) - A driver sleeping in the cab of his truck aboard a Black Sea ferry boat drowned when it was damped overboard in a storm.

Fuchs tribute

East Berlin (Reuters) - East Germany's official media published a birthday tribute to atomic spy Klaus Fuchs who spent nine years in a British jail for betraying secrets of the US atomic bomb programme to the Soviet Union.

UFOs seen

Tokyo (Reuters) - The captain of a Japanese airliner said he saw three spaceship-like objects, including a huge "mother ship", flying near his cargo plane for about 50 minutes over Alaska.

Cake delight

Belgrade (Reuters) - Bulgarian Communist authorities have delighted children by sending Father Christmas to distribute giant cakes despite the country's food shortage.

Too late

Tokyo (AP) - A warning of dangerous winds apparently came too late to stop a train that plunged off a narrow bridge, killing six people and injuring six others.

Upset by play

Istanbul (Reuters) - The playwright and director of an anti-fundamentalist play are to be tried on charges of obscenity and degrading religion.

Top dressers

New York (AP) - President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachev have been selected as two of the world's best dressed men for 1986 by the Fashion Foundation of America.

North Korea speculation ends

Kim Il Sung again elected president

Tokyo (AFP) - Mr Kim Il Sung was re-elected President of North Korea yesterday, after the communist nation's Parliament opened its first session since national elections on November 2. Radio Pyongyang reported in a short broadcast monitored here.

Dialogue to resume in Delhi

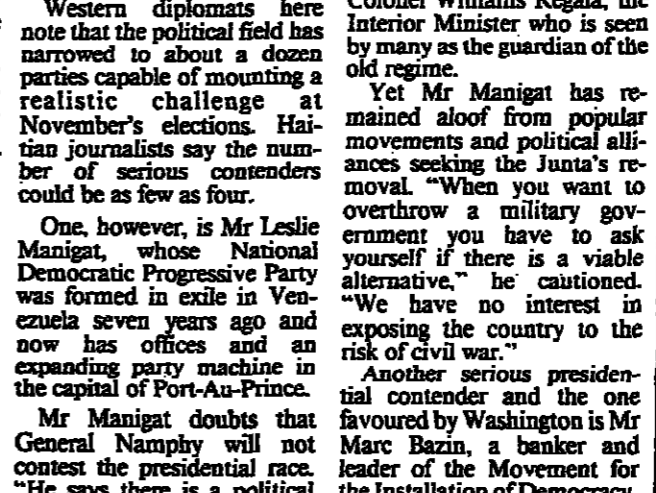
From Hassan Akhtar Islamabad

After two days of talks here the foreign secretaries of India and Pakistan announced at the weekend that the dialogue aimed at normalizing relations between the two countries would be resumed in Delhi early in the new year.

Haiti in a power vacuum

Parties struggle to emerge from Duvalier's shadow

The shaky provisional Government in Haiti appears to be hanging on to power largely by default. Supporters and opponents of the military-dominated Junta agree it has lost most of the backing it enjoyed after the popular uprising in February that toppled Mr Jean-Claude Duvalier.



General Namphy, left, says Haiti is not ready for democracy despite the fall of the dictator, Mr Jean-Claude Duvalier.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Entertainment listings including CONCERTS, OPERA & BALLET, THEATRES, and various play listings for the week of December 30, 1986.

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THE ARTS

Even the blues are welcome

Now that the Ashes are secure, we can afford to be sanguine about the Australians' pre-eminence in virtually every other sport in which they compete.

TELEVISION

Winning lines of dialogue are already thick on the water. Tim Piggott-Smith, glinting with high-octane oil as the British challenger Peter de Savary, bounded out of a top-level parley with the words "Excuse me, I must be going, there's someone I have to sack".

It is the womenfolk's sole function here to grouch about hearth and home with routine resignation while their men are being unfaithful with computers and test-tanks. It is the men's function to chew cigars and aphorisms while plotting their bellicose strategies.

But, if one is to tune in on the coming Mondays, it will surely be less for the unfolding drama (whose outcome will scarcely be a surprise) than for the opportunity to soak up much-needed blues above and below the horizon.

Martin Cropper

Making a desirable sort of influential mark

No major museum director in Britain over the last ten years can have had an easy ride. Constantly strapped for money, whether it is scrambling round for an extra half-warder or puzzling over how to acquire the latest masterpiece to come on the market (at a cost, these days, of probably more than the entire annual budget), these men have to be brave and resourceful, diplomats and fund-raisers as well as scholars.

GALLERIES Director's Choice National Gallery

Paintings and Their Contexts I Dulwich

The New Thracian Treasure/Modern Chinese Prints British Museum

reordering of the British collection in the newly restored Barry rooms, is probably the best. Also in Sir Michael's time an Education Department has been encouraged, the Sunley Room has been opened for temporary exhibitions, even if it does seem strangely poky next to the absurdly pushy central shop (priorities more commercial than artistic, maybe?) and excellent series of small shows like The Artist's Eye (important artists make their own personal choices) and Acquisition in Focus have been instituted, as well as the more arguable notion of an Artist in Residence.

last few years to have been set against acquisition, at any rate unless it is supported by a lavish private subsidy. However, looking around Director's Choice, there is a distinct feeling that we have not done too badly.

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paralogs, derivations, sketches (if any can be found) and all the products of modern technology in the service of scholarship. The whole thing is fascinating, an essay in connoisseurship which makes it vivid to a non-expert audience.

The British Museum, with the astonishing spread of its collection, has to serve several masters at the same time, and that goes also for the temporary exhibitions there. The two latest-comers are The New Thracian Treasure (until March 29) and Modern Chinese Prints (until January 11), which could hardly be more different.

Significant of his effect has been the tendency for other galleries to take a leaf out of the National Gallery's book. The Dulwich Picture Gallery, for instance, has just staged the first of a projected series of shows under the title Paintings and Their Context, this one concerning itself with Poussin's Venus and Mercury (until January 18). Though it is hardly an acquisition, having been in the collection since 1811, the format of the show is almost identical to that of the National Gallery's Acquisition in Focus shows: around the central attraction are grouped

rather than as a whole, hiccup through the story-line in places, but the humour is keen and the whole thing (directed by Michael Boyd) has tremendous zest. Jimmy Chisom provides a wonderful alternative prince as Rupert, the unrascally Rascal.

The Citizens', Glasgow, have picked another winner by again inviting Myles Rudge to write their Christmas show. Red Riding Hood explores the same fertile area of fantasy combined with psychological analysis as did last year's Hansel and Gretel. Rudge's version of the tale leading us into the semi-real world that dreams are usually made of, where acquaintances, fears and desires assume more significant proportions.

As the children Peter and Anna (David McKay and Maureen Carr) journey through the forest, her red riding hood, made with love, protects her against temptation, evil and the Wicked Wolf—in this case a more whiskey version of their rich neighbour, whose spoilt daughter (Juliet Cadzow) also undergoes a transformation. Her brother has no such protection, falling prey to the Wolf's corruptive offers of power and wealth.

Rudge explores the sub-text of the fairy tale with tremendous invention, creating a double-layered fantasy that is at times really uncanny. In places he becomes too involved and complex, but the whole thing is ingeniously staged by Giles Havergal and designed with economy and style by Kenny Miller.

Sarah Hemming



One up to Sir Michael Levey: Albrecht Altdorfer's Christ Taking Leave of His Mother

recovered with remarkable speed and efficacy from the aberrations of the Gang of Four but that continuity has been effectively preserved through the years of the Red Guard.

There does not seem, even now, to be any dominant style. Little interest is manifested here in abstract art: the most abstract pieces are also the

most traditional, taking up the ancient Chinese tradition of observing nature and then turning one's back on it to draw. Within representation, however, styles range from the Expressionist distortions of Chen Jiarong's A Day at the Dockyard to the almost photographic quality of Wu Chang-jiang's Highland Cattle Farm. Clearly at the moment in

John Russell Taylor



Prey to corruption: David McKay in Red Riding Hood

THEATRE

Sleeping Beauty Tron, Glasgow

Red Riding Hood Citizens', Glasgow

While the traditional pantomimes are packing them in in Glasgow and Edinburgh with the well-loved comic actors Stanley Baxter and Rikki Fulton, Glasgow's Tron Theatre have taken the enterprising risk of casting a young and upcoming local comedian as the comic linchpin of their Sleeping Beauty.

Craig Ferguson has established quite a following in Glasgow in his stage persona of Bing Hitler, a hysterical, self-appointed dictator. Working this character into the framework of a story (as he and his co-writer Peter Capaldi do here) is quite a different matter, however. It works surprisingly well.

Bing emerges as Prime Minister in the Kingdom of Vulgaria, where the diminutive and desirable Beauty (Jenny McCrindle) becomes a pawn in the struggle between the Good Fairy, a frayed district nurse, and the evil Hexx, an uncommonly sadistic dentist. When the kingdom turns into Slumberland it is left to Bing and his sly accomplice to seek out the prince who will save the day. What follows is an endearing travesty of the tale.

It gets off to a slow start and, giving the impression of having been written in pieces

admirable in other circumstances, worked against equilibrium of mood. The violently changing dynamics in the Allemande of the Third Suite, for example, turned that movement into something unnecessarily gawky.

But even for those who prefer their Bach approached in a different way there was plenty to admire in Kirshbaum's playing in the Fifth Suite, for instance, the Prelude affectingly took its cue from the subdued timbre of the cello's higher register, the result of tuning the A string to a G instead. While the same work's Allemande was a dance of nobility, broad and dignified, the Sarabande, which on paper looks as though it might be over in the twinkling of an eye, attained a stature of real, tragic moment in Kirshbaum's hands.

It is probably too much to expect a performer to go against the tradition in which he lives; but within it Kirshbaum showed that he does have vital things to say.

Stephen Pettitt

CONCERT

Ralph Kirshbaum Wigmore Hall

at least on the evidence presented by these readings of the First, Third and Fifth Suites (he plays the others on Friday).

Undoubtedly he feels the music, but one senses that he concentrates a little too hard upon squeezing meaning from the notes when they might make themselves clearer by being left more to themselves. Moreover, one could often accurately predict the weight of an accent here, the extent of a rubato there, so perhaps mannerism played a part. Frequently in the faster movements a deliberately lengthened note was made unnecessarily ugly by an over-savage bow-stroke, while in some of the slower movements Kirshbaum's meticulous attention to the colour of each sound,

Among the most common criticisms made of string players (and of singers) is that their sense of pulse is often found wanting. And cellists, according to some, are the worst culprits. Given such assertions, together with the fact that interpretation is almost invariably a matter of wisdoms received from the foregoing generation without question, it is hardly surprising that Ralph Kirshbaum, in his performances of the Bach Cello Suites, should be heard following the same path of rhythmic liberalism as that trodden by Casals, Tortebar and so on.

Of course, great artists have always created great performances while meddling somewhat with note-values. The question is whether dwelling upon notes that are in any case naturally stressed, and taking lavish gulps for breath between phrases, amounts to interpretation, mannerism or even sheer technical convenience. In Kirshbaum's case the answer is not easily found.

Words above the music

The silent noise of "surtitles" has been growing for a while, but their arrival at Covent Garden for the new Jenifa does demand, as I said in my review of it, we are confronted with a new version of the words-or-music argument.

The introduction of surtitles in opera has created at least as many problems as it has solved, considers Paul Griffiths

An assimilated knowledge of the opera, or the libretto, or at least the synopsis, is the difference being that this does not require one to read along with the show, and so concern oneself with the spectral embryo rather than the thing itself.

Reading is also a quite different sort of activity from responding to an operatic performance, and by its difference may suggest that something is lacking from the experience. If Covent Garden really do feel that their audience needs help, then much the more obvious course, particularly in an opera where virtually all the cast are native English speakers (what price those "sounds envisaged by the composer"?), would be to sing in translation.

Perhaps the essence of the problem is the assumption that knowledge of the constituents enhances an aesthetic experience; but there is no reason why it should. Knowing the text of an opera may be as useful as knowing the structure of chlorophyll when one looks at a landscape: a slight enhancement, but not one to be blown up in letters a foot high.

There are, also, several practical objections to sur-

titles. From the upper parts of the house, apparently, they can be taken in along with the stage, but certainly from the level of the stalls one needs to flip one's glance upwards in order to follow them. An audience with divided visual attention is inevitably going to miss some of the action, and I cannot imagine that producers and singers are going to like being upstaged by the public's antecure: I understand that Yuri Lyubimov, the Jenifa producer, is firmly against the innovation.

Wisely Covent Garden are asking customers to complete a questionnaire designed to test the acceptability of surtitles and, though you cannot avoid them if you want to see Jenifa, there will be performances of Zerkow/He and Rosenkavalier both surtitled and not. If there should be any demand for surtitles, then at least this option should remain. But, if surtitles are to become a part of life, then there needs to be some improvement on their pretty crude state at the moment. For, despite computer control, they cannot easily distinguish who is singing what in ensembles, nor convey long sentences, nor always keep pace with the action. They may, indeed, create so many problems that some help will be needed for one to be able to understand those fluttering words up on the screen. Perhaps, then, they could be acted out somewhere, maybe with musical support...

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### One prediction for 1987 can be made with certainty: hi-tech business forecasting will be back in fashion

A dozen years ago you could hardly open a newspaper without reading either pessimistic forecasts for the world and its environment or the gung-ho technological utopianism of futurologists such as Herman Kahn of the Hudson Institute.

Punditry was ultimately overwhelmed by the oil price explosion of the mid-1970s. By the economic recession at the turn of the decade, the think tanks simply could not keep up. Not that they lacked influence: much of the supply-side economic rhetoric of the early Reagan years, and its accompanying social theory, were based on Kuhnist principles of abundant natural resources and man's ability to transform them to his requirements.

But as James Bellini, a Briton and former colleague of Kahn, points out, many of the models of world economic growth or ecological disaster which proliferated in the 1970s were based on the premise that economics is a laboratory science. Unemployment, global debt and the distorting influence of growing black economies changed all that.

New businesses want to know about emerging trends in people's habits. They might employ market researchers like Gallup or MORI. The Henley Centre for forecasting would offer either/or scenarios - for instance, the prospects for a company's leisure sales given certain behavioural tendencies and different Conservative, Labour and Alliance economic policies. In this kind of forecasting there is little guesswork. The information is already available. It is a matter of coming to the right conclusions.

New economic circumstances have also created a market for country risk analysis, which combines political, economic and social forecasts to determine whether a country is worth investing in.

This does not mean that econometric models have been discarded. They are regarded as important standards on which further analysis can be based. Here we profile some of the major forecasters and offer a summary of their main predictions for the year ahead.

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Going to earth: Luigi Perticarari, king of the Italian grave-robbers, slips through a hole revealed by the plough to discover yet another Etruscan tomb in the hillside of Tarquinia

# Plundering the underworld

### Helped by the smugglers of the Mafia, Italy's tomb robbers supply the world's major museums every year with Greek, Roman and Etruscan treasures worth millions of pounds. Geraldine Norman investigates

Luigi Perticarari is a tomb robber. In Tarquinia, which was one of the greatest Etruscan cities of antiquity, he is known as *il mago* - "the magician" - because of his apparently supernatural ability to find tombs still unripped after 2,000 years. He is one of Italy's many hundred *tombatori* and *clandestini* (tomb robbers and illegal excavators) who rifle the buried settlements of antiquity by night and sell their finds to foreign dealers.

Luigi is the self-appointed spokesman of the *tombatori*. He published his memoirs in June, *I segreti di un tombatore* ("The Secrets of a Tomb Robber"), and speaks with charm and pride of his trade, pouring scorn on the state archaeological service for not seeking his advice. He claims more first-hand knowledge of Etruscan tombs than any living archaeologist, probably with justice. But he fails to appreciate that his activity has destroyed for ever the possibility of others sharing his knowledge.

His story, multiplied many hundred times over, explains the devastating pillage of Italy's archaeological heritage that has taken place over the last 20 years, and its gathering momentum. It also highlights how inadequate the Italian authorities' efforts to protect their patrimony have been.

From around the eighth to the third century BC, the Etruscans buried their dead with rich grave furnishings, painted terracotta vases - some imported from Athens - bronze ornaments, gold and jewellery. The grandest tombs were frescoed with scenes from earthly life - banquets and hunting scenes - or mythology.

Luigi claims to have emptied 3,000 to 4,000 tombs during 30 years of activity, despite spending 11 of them in prison. He lives modestly in a suburb of Tarquinia in a house he built for himself - he is a stonemason when he can find time for a legitimate trade - incorporating secret hideaways and storerooms.

The Etruscans chose a long hillside above Tarquinia for their

ceremonial graves. It commands magnificent views of the mountains and the sea. Over the principal graves, already excavated, little cement huts with sloping roofs have been erected and the curious are locked out. A small enclosure of tombs at one end of the ridge is open to the public. The rest of the area is ploughed and planted every year.

Luigi calls it his *il mio regno* - his "kingdom". Beneath the plough are literally thousands of graves, many of which he has visited and cleared. The heavy modern tractors rumbling overhead are now causing annual damage to the caverns below, he says. Only 100 yards from the road that runs along the crest of the hill Luigi could show us a round hole in the plough where the roof of a tomb had collapsed. "It was robbed in antiquity," he said. "They took the bronzes and the gold, but

the vases are still there." In broad daylight we slipped into its cavernous depth.

Beneath the road itself the men from the Arts Ministry are busy recording for posterity a tomb painted with scenes from the underworld which dates from the end of



Rich pickings: an unlooted grave

the fifth century BC. They came on it when checking the route of a new water supply pipe. The aim was to ensure that no important archaeological evidence was destroyed by the pipe's construction; luckily it runs a few feet away from the newly discovered tomb.

The necropolis at Tarquinia is accepted as the most important burial complex of the Etruscan world. Many of its magnificent grave furnishings are now on display in foreign museums, bereft of their history, thanks to the activities of Luigi and his friends. Meanwhile the Italian authorities permit a water supply pipe to run through the necropolis and tractors to shake in the roofs of tombs. The creeping presence of the town itself is also invading areas of archaeological significance.

The proceeds earned from smuggling artefacts out of the area over

the last 20 years would have paid for its conversion into an archaeological park. Had the Italian authorities, not the *tombatori*, sold the treasures to museums, they would have had the money to excavate and landscape the area for visitors. But since buried treasures are the inalienable property of the State under Italian law, no official sales can take place. Museum storerooms are overflowing with material from official excavations, not to mention material confiscated from *tombatori* by the police.

The same opportunities exist at other Greek, Roman and Etruscan sites up and down Italy. Scholars estimate that only some 20 per cent of the tomb furnishings of antiquity have yet been unearthed or destroyed. This extraordinary buried museum could be brought to light in an ordered manner, leaving the monumental remains open for interested visitors to explore and the treasures on display in museums with full identification of how and where they were found. Or else it can be left to the *tombatori*, tractors, civil engineers and builders to gradually destroy the lot.

### FROM TOMB TO MUSEUM SHELF: HOW THE SMUGGLERS LEGITIMIZE THEIR TREASURES

Since the last war more Greek, Etruscan and Roman treasures have come to light, mostly as a result of illicit digs, than had surfaced in the preceding 2,000 years. They have been found in other Mediterranean countries but the prime source is Italy.

The material is smuggled into Switzerland, mostly by lorry drivers carrying ordinary merchandise for export. Once in Switzerland it enters the legitimate art market and is sold to museums and private collectors. The rarest treasures tend to be negotiated privately by dealers while the bulk of more ordinary material is consigned to Sotheby's and Christie's in London, or lesser auction houses in France, Germany and Switzerland.

The well-publicized sales of antiquities at Sotheby's and Christie's, with glossy catalogues

and high prices, are a major encouragement to the *tombatori*. They provide information on prices and demonstrate that there is a ready market. Most of the material now circulating in the market comes from post-war illegal digs but since its excavation was not documented and pieces have changed hands several times, this is impossible to prove.

The auction houses are signatories to the London art trade's code of practice which outlaws handling a sale when there is reasonable cause to believe "that an imported object... originates from an illegal, clandestine or otherwise unofficial site". They defend their involvement in the antiquities market on grounds of ignorance. It is impossible, they say, to turn away vendors who have legitimate legal title to the goods they offer for sale just because they

could have been excavated illegally. Indeed, the only way to avoid handling illicit finds would be to drop out of the antiquities market altogether and this the auction houses are not prepared to do.

Auctioneers, however, are only the middle men. The Getty Museum in Malibu, California, has formed a superb collection of antiquities over the last 10 years, mostly from illicit excavations. "Sono nemici di cultura" growls the Soprintendente of Southern Etruria - "they are the enemies of culture".

The Metropolitan Museum in New York has made several spectacular purchases over the same period, including the famous \$1 million Euphronios vase. "Every scholar knows it can only come from Carvetari," complains Professor Palottino of Rome's Tuscia Institute, "but they continue to pretend it was found in Lebanon." The

recent purchases of the Basle and Copenhagen Museums are also roundly condemned.

Only one important museum in the world has so far taken a clear stand by refusing to purchase any material which could be smuggled - the British Museum in London.

The purchasing power of museums outside Italy is enormous and there are also several multimillionaire collectors in the market. Banker Hunt, the Texan oil millionaire, for instance.

The big money has attracted organized crime. "The use of drugs in Italy," explained an authority who asked not to be named, "The *tombatori* and saw the rich pickings to be made from organizing the business on an international scale." The Mafia has taken up archaeology.

## Two cheers for the resolution

The queues are already stretching around the block for festive spirit but thanks to the anti-alcoholism crusade of Mikhail Gorbachov it looks set to be an unusually dry New Year for most East Europeans.

Alcoholism is the Slavic disease. Peek on pay day into the alley-ways and windy stairwells of the seedier housing estates of Warsaw, Budapest and Prague and the whole world will seem to be in an alcoholic haze: flushed men and women bump into each other, slump to the ground, or laugh raucously, their breath a fire hazard. On Friday nights in Warsaw's Praga district, the moonshine merchants do flourishing trade; all week they have stockpiled sugar, and the potatoes that will form the basis of some of the most potent vodka in the world are on the boil.

The most comprehensive statistics come from Poland where, even before Gorbachov came to power, alcoholism was regarded as a serious social malaise. Hungary admits to a big alcohol problem. So, less publicly, does Bulgaria. Czechoslovakia and East Germany also have

Miners' earnings The figures for miners' compensation (table, Spectrum, December 23) should have been in millions.

### New Year's Eve offers the last chance for the heavy drinkers of the Soviet bloc to charge their glasses freely

bad drinking habits but concede this only in restricted-circulation medical journals. It is difficult to know whether Poland has the worst alcoholism rate in the bloc or is simply the most open about it. Last year Poland's per capita alcohol consumption amounted to 6.8 litres of 100 per cent alcohol. The per capita calculation distorts - it includes a few million babies and toddlers. The estimate also excludes moonshine liquor (which accounts for about 20 per cent of alcohol consumption), wine and beer. There are almost 1 million alcoholics in Poland and according to police estimates, two million Poles become drunk every day.

In East Germany, the per capita alcohol consumption is even higher than in Poland - about 13 to 16 litres a year - which seems to reflect the Germanic custom of mixing beer with schnapps rather than sticking to vodka.

From January 1, 1987, the counter-offensive begins, at least in some of the Soviet bloc countries. Sales and consumption of alcohol in

drunken labour are huge, so too are the state profits from the sale of alcohol. Poland regularly publishes a list of the 500 most profitable companies and Polmos, the official producer and distributor of alcohol, is always at the top. Last year, Poles spent 687 billion zlotys (£300 million) on alcohol in official hard currency stores.

Vodka is the sustaining force on the black market. An increase in the official price of vodka leads immediately to a rise in the black market value of the dollar.

Alcohol bought for dollars or pounds rather than zlotys is slightly cheaper. And the law has other loopholes. Restricting opening times simply encourages the moonlighters (15,000 illegal stills were closed down last year) who can sell their wares at any time. Checks on workers' sobriety are haphazard - some leeway, for example, is given to building workers who need to fortify themselves from the cold.

Somehow, despite the best efforts of Gorbachov, the east Europeans will find a way of getting drunk this festive season. But the traditional toast of *Na zdrowie* ("To your health") may ring a little hollow.

Roger Boyes

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

The weird and the wearable

close up JEAN-PAUL GAULTIER



"I feel much too old to be an enfant terrible" Jean-Paul Gaultier (above)

The newest shape of things to come is stretchy and shiny and uses man-made fibres. British street style has paved the way for the naughty boy of French fashion, with his love of futuristic fabrics and blatant artificiality



ABOVE: "Everything stretchy, shiny and false" for Jean-Paul Gaultier's black corset top and stretch girdle skirt from his spring collection at A la Mode, 38 Hans Crescent, SW3 from the end of January. Sheer ruffe gloves from Henry Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. Red suede shoes by Johnny Moks from 396 Kings Road, SW10

TOP RIGHT: The Gaultier puffball: a polka dot pleated long skirt pulled up on an elastic hem to double over. Narrow-shouldered spot blouse. Both from A la Mode, end of January. Lace-up ankle boots from Barratt

ABOVE RIGHT: "I was brought up in fashion to know how to use a knife and fork," says Gaultier of his training. This tailored body-skimming black and white checked coat dress by Jean-Paul Gaultier from A la Mode, end of January. Red mittens from Fenwick, New Bond Street, W1. Suede cap from Workers for Freedom, 4/4a Lower John Street, W1

onometric crystal balls

prediction for 1987 can be made certainly: hi-tech business clothing will be back in fashion

Now business wear is about emerging from people's habits. The market is moving towards a more relaxed, less formal style. The forecast for 1987 is that there will be a return to more structured, tailored clothing. This does not mean the economic models have been discarded. They are still the basis for many decisions. However, some of the major trends are already visible. The return of hi-tech business clothing will be back in fashion.

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Soviet style

The new fashion awareness by Russia's first lady Raisa Gorbacheva seems to be bearing unexpected fruit. Nine outfits from the fruiting closets of Peter the Great go on display at the Barbican at the end of the month, in a rich and rare exhibition of Russian dress. The costumes, which also include Catherine the Great's fanciful military-inspired dress, are from the 25,000 pre-Revolutionary fashions stored away in Leningrad's Hermitage and never seen outside the Soviet Union. Mrs Gorbacheva, whose taste is for foreign design over the stodgy native products, can find fashion precedent in this exhibition which includes clothes made during the Romanov years by Pacquin and Poiret in Paris and by that English fashion man abroad, Charles Worth.

Go show

Is the Chambre Syndicale in Paris about to fold its fashion tents? Ten years after the circus spectacles were launched, I hear that the Chambre's Director, Jacques Moudier, is hoping to build a more permanent home for France's bi-annual ready-to-wear shows. Architects are running their slide rules over the basement of the new Musée de la Mode to see if it can be made into a fashion show centre. But just as American buyers, and several of the leading designers, have announced that the days of the tents are numbered, a new group, calling themselves La Moda aux Tuileries, is planning to pitch camp down the road from the Louvre to cash in on the official showing in March.

Royal red

It was a great Christmas for coats when the royals turned out in the rain for morning service at St George's Chapel, Windsor. Shapely tailoring rather than street-wise oversize was the look, from Prince William's nanny-knows-best coat to Lady Helen Windsor's floor-sweeping swirl, by the royals' favourite, Catherine Walker of Chelsea Design. Diana and the Duchess of York made a double act in Father Christmas scarlet and cossack hats.

The naughty boy of French fashion will be 35 in April. But designer Jean-Paul Gaultier still gets his kicks from mocking the bourgeoisie. In his surreal fashion shows, nothing is quite as it seems. He has made the corset and the bra his signature — but worn chaste on top of folds of fabric. A regular man's tuxedo jacket turns to reveal a naked cut-out back. Quilted eiderdowns are puffed out into full skirts. A simple sweater glows with luminous lettering when the lights go down. Behind Gaultier is a training in conventional French couture where he learned to cut and sew. Ahead, he sees a future for clothes moulded out of new materials. "We have done everything we can with the silhouette," says the designer who put his fashion stamp on the A-line skirt a year ago. "People are not prepared to be dictated to. It is new fabrics which give modernism to fashion." For Gaultier that means, as with his clothes design, backing the current trend. He was the first designer to renounce natural fabrics for mock leather and stretchy ski pants in his debut collection of 1979. Now he has become the high priest of nylon and viscose, using anything that seems "stretchy, shiny or false." "I was very naive in that first collection," he says. "All I wanted to do was the opposite of the very loose clothes that were being made." Jean-Paul Gaultier has always seemed closer to the iconoclastic, whacky spirit of young London, than to the hidebound chic of the Paris boulevards. His collections of

tail coats and mixed prints, his use of Russian Cyrillic script and his heavy post-punk boots with spandly striped leggings, seemed to be inspired by British street style. Although he denies it ("I think what I do is very French"), English students feel that their cult hero absorbs ideas, and then produces them, with infuriating skill, as desirable high fashion. Now those students have a chance to collaborate with Gaultier on a fabric scheme for Courtauld's. Gaultier has set a project for the Courtauld Design Awards, Britain's most important student design competition, to design a futuristic fabric round which Gaultier will produce a capsule collection next summer. Five colleges are being asked to design up to three Courtauld jersey fabrics on a theme of "modernity, technology, artificiality and futurism." Gaultier's passion for man-made fabrics started when he "opened his grandmother's cupboards" and gazed at her corsets inside. His synthetics have included a Courtauld panne velvet used in his first collection and imaginative variations on once-despised shiny and stretchy materials, which he is convinced will mould the shape of clothes to come. The first corsets came in Gaultier's spring collection shown in October 1982, when all the garments expressed themselves in movement, and were his attempt at Dadaism in dress. The impish Gaultier draws in references from different cultures, sending up the Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie in a collection of clothes inspired by the French con-

certage class, and shocking the straight fashion world with his men's collections of high heels, powder puffs and lace. "My menswear is not gay," he says indignantly. "I was challenging fashion history by showing that lace for men does not only mean Louis XIV, and high heels Louis XV. The liberation of women has also brought us the new man." Gaultier showed skirts for men (albeit as apron-fronted trousers in sober pin stripes) and a witty collection of gingham beachwear offering up men as Bardot-style sex objects. Both were fashion milestones in that they defined how far the peacock male was prepared to strut. Gaultier points out that he offers more than one fashion type in his collections. The fact that he is able to weave the wearable in with the weird, is his strength (and the reason why Italian and Japanese companies continue to support him). Like a Dali, who had to know how to draw before he could break the rules, Gaultier's surreal fashions start from a classic base. His jackets, buttoned askew and asymmetrically draped, were actually masterpieces of cutting. Gaultier had two spells with the house of Cardin, the

first at the age of 18, and two years in the haute couture studio of Jean Patou, where he worked with Michel Goma and Angelo Tarrazzi. "I was born in the 1950s and I love the fashions of the Fifties," says Gaultier. "I like modernity, but I think I take a little from the Fifties, something of today and a hope of tomorrow." The chic and kitsch sexuality that permeates Gaultier's collections has nothing to do with a fashion-conscious world of French couture. Nor have his shows, which themselves are directional: fashion as theatre in a circus ring, the more recent shows exhibited on scaffolding with the models making a fashion still life. And the corset dresses? They have been interpreted variously as a return to womanly curves or to the rigidly controlled bodies of the 1950s; as a send-up of a society obsessed with sex, or as a fashion statement about man-made, second-skin fabrics. "Sex is a part of life," says Gaultier. "I won't say that the Twiggy look is past, because that suggests that I am defining a fashionable person. In Paris, prostitutes would wear corset dresses. But only men of another generation would see it like that. The idea is to play with the code."

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visit the ASHA Neighbourhood Project at 43 Stamford Street, Bexton, Leeds, on February 24 and will be entertained at lunch.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain M.B. Andrews and Miss F.L. Carter. The engagement is announced between Martin Andrews, Royal Engineers, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Andrews...

Mr M.B. Hall and Miss E.S. Mayne. The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of the Rev John and Mrs Hall...

Mr T. Thurston and Miss K.S. Williams. The engagement is announced between Trevor, only son of Mr and Mrs N.L. Thurston...

Mr P.S. Vainker and Miss S.J. McPherson. The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs F. Vainker...

Dr N.H.L. Bryson and Miss S.J. Gibson. The engagement is announced between Neil, eldest son of Dr and Mrs T.H.L. Bryson...

Appointments

Lieutenant-Colonel Seymour Gilbert-Dennis to be Crown Equerry in succession to Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller...

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Roy Chane, 56; Mr Anthony Cripps, 73; General Sir David Fraser, 66; Sir Reginald Groom, 80...

Polytechnic news

North Staffordshire Mr K. B. Thompson, acting director, to be the new director of the polytechnic next year...

Latest wills

Mr William James Ferguson, of Westminster, formerly Chief Executive and Secretary of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, left estate valued at £104,916 net.



Joanna Pickard, of Notting Hill, London, showing off the finery of a Victorian court dress from the Kensington Palace collection during a children's morning at the museum yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

From 'heretic' to hero Spain reclaims philosopher

From Richard Wigg, Salamanca

Miguel de Unamuno, the most famous of the Spanish intellectuals of the Second Republic, who was twice dismissed as rector of Salamanca University during the political storms of his times...

OBITUARY SIR DOUGLAS HADDOW PROF DUMAS MALONE

Scottish administrator in the Johnston mould. Sir Douglas Haddow, KCB, who devoted his life to administration in Scotland, and who served for eight years as Permanent Under-Secretary at the Scottish Office...

MR ANDREI TARKOVSKY

Mr Andrei Tarkovsky, Russian film director, died yesterday in Paris. He was 54. He was one of a generation of talented young directors...

PROFESSOR HERBERT DIECKMANN

Professor Herbert Dieckmann, authority on Diderot and Avalon Foundation Professor Emeritus of the Humanities at Cornell University, died at Ithaca, New York, on December 16.

SIR TOM HOOD

Sir Tom Hood, KBE, CB, businessman and Territorial officer, died on December 14. He was 82. Tom Fildes Hood was born on March 16, 1904...

GENERAL HUANG KE-CHENG

General Huang Ke-cheng, a companion to Mao Tse-tung and veteran of the Long March, who was purged during the Cultural Revolution, died on December 28.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Oxford A benefaction of £700,000 has been announced for the establishment of the M. and F. Soudwar Professorship of Persian Studies. An appointment is expected early in the new year.



Pollution from vehicle exhausts in Stockholm, where low temperatures make the fumes more conspicuous.

Science report London lead pollution falls by half

The level of lead pollution in London's air fell by half in 1986, according to the most detailed study to be carried out anywhere in the United Kingdom in the first full year since the amount of lead in petrol was reduced.

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WALL STREET

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares eased on moderate volume in early trading yesterday, following the bond market on a downward path. The trading pace was expected to improve from Friday's post-Christmas lull but analysts were generally expecting an uneventful week. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 5.20 to 1,925.20 at

Table with columns for Dec 26, Dec 27, Dec 28, Dec 29, Dec 30. Lists various stocks and their price changes.

Japan prepares for stern budget today

From David Watts Tokyo

Japan will today introduce an austere budget after its most comprehensive tax revision since the war.

The Japanese await the budget as the rest of the world looks to Japan to stimulate its economy to take up the slack in the global economy.

The most important tax reform is the elimination of tax exemption on small savings and the break-up of the postal savings system which should free a large amount of savers' money which has been so important in developing Japanese industries since the war.

The proposed sales tax is getting a hot reception from the opposition, which began its attack with a series of visits by its leaders to the office of the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone.

The government has apparently abandoned its hope of ridding itself of deficit financing in a 54,101 billion yen budget with increased treasury loan and investment programmes which will probably help to boost the domestic economy to what the government hopes will be 3.5 per cent real growth next year, led by domestic demand.

The Japanese-style value-



Yasuhiro Nakasone: under pressure from opposition

added-tax, due to be introduced at the beginning of 1988, is likely to put a damper on consumer spending - not that foreign imports gained much from such spending anyway.

Changes in liquor tax are of particular interest to the European Economic Community.

Under the proposals, which are unlikely to satisfy the EEC and which must be approved by the Diet next month, the government plans to abolish the grading system for whisky, as demanded by the EEC, by the simple method of reclassifying all domestically-produced whisky, which the EEC did not regard as such, as spirits.

Whisky will be known as Scotch, but the tax on it will still be seven times that levied on its rival Japanese "spirits".

The Japanese government's chief tax expert, Mr Sadanori Yamataka, a man not known for his humility, is unrepentant: "The EEC did not ask for the same monetary value but said it should be treated on an equal basis with the Japanese product... It (Japanese whisky) may continue to be a barrier to expanded sales of Scotch."

He gave this warning: "Japan is at long last awake. Japan is at long last on its feet. And the bluff in diplomatic relations with Japan will no longer be usable. Japan became an ordinary member of the world community and will behave as such. In other words, will become a formidable partner in any discussion."

The tax reform, which will simplify the system from 1988, is designed to be revenue neutral with tax cuts for corporations and wealthier individuals balancing tax increases, which include 5 per cent VAT, from which 40 items will be exempt.

The budget holds spending to just 0.02 per cent above that of the current year.

COMPANY NEWS

RADIANT METAL FINISHING: Half-year to Aug 31. Interim dividend 1p, payable on Jan 16. Turnover £733,100 (£663,937). Pretax profit £20,125 (£17,490). Earnings per share 4.28p (8.59p).

MONKS & CRANE: Contracts have been exchanged for the purchase of Sargent's Tool Stores. The price will be based on the net assets and will be £92,000 in cash and £200,000 in loan notes and a further £108,000 in cash next March.

READICUT INTERNATIONAL: The acquisition of F Drake (Fibres) has been completed. Probe has been granted to the executors of J Hoyle who held 10 per cent of Drake's capital and this holding has been purchased for £1.25 million in cash.

FASEION & GENERAL INVESTMENT: Six months to Sept 30. Interim dividend 10p (same). Pretax revenue £311,000 (£343,000). Earnings per share 13.8p (14.9p).

SUTCLIFFE, SPEAKMAN: Turnover £8.55 million (£7.94 million) for the half-year to Sept 30. Pretax profit £302,000 (£270,000). Earnings per share (fully diluted) 2.2p (nil).

EUSTON CENTRE PROPERTIES: Six months to September 30. Net revenue from properties 4,610 (£4,473), interest receivable 300 (£458), interest payable 368 (£458), pretax profit 3,902 (£3,911).

AJ WORKINGTON: Half year to September 30. Turnover £1,761,000 (£682,000), pretax profit £48,000 (£29,000 loss), tax £5,000 (nil), eps 0.8p (1.0p loss).

HDA Forgings: Mr Peter Masters has been named as company sales and marketing director and Mr Charles Anderson director and general manager of the blade forge division.

Massey-Ferguson Tractors and Farm Equipment: Mr John Sword is now president.

Glaxo: Dr Richard Sykes has been appointed chief executive of Glaxo Group Research Limited. Dr J Barrie Ward, director of microbiology, has joined the board of Glaxo Group Research.

The Union Discount Company of London: Mr WB Carmichael becomes a director.

Redland: Mr Christopher May will become financial director in March.

Harrison Industries: M Jean-Claude Canari is made a director.

Farr Europe: Mr Don Parker becomes manufacturing director.

Newcastle Building Society: Mr E A Cowan has been made deputy chief executive.

Lease Management Services: Mr Alastair Lawson has been appointed joint managing director and Mr David Deacon, chief accountant and

APPOINTMENTS

company secretary, becomes a director.

Commercial Industries (UK): Mr Viv Davidson has been appointed the chairman and chief executive. Mr Andrew Brown managing director and Mr Bryan Stewart, financial director.

Allied Dunbar: Mr Allan McCorville is to be executive director, northern region. Mr Derek Riley executive director, sales. Mr Nigel Burton, executive and new projects and Mr Brian Thomas executive director, actuarial, all to take effect from next Thursday.

Morgan Grenfell: Mr G G Hill has been appointed joint managing director of Morgan Grenfell Inc, New York, with Mr K R Harris, also as joint managing director. Mr N J D Bull will be chief executive of Morgan Grenfell Australia Limited. Mr Bull and Mr W G M Michie will also become joint managing directors of Morgan Grenfell Australia.

Hollis: Mr Jim Ducker has been made managing director of the Solicitors Law Stationery Society.

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OTHER STERLING RATES

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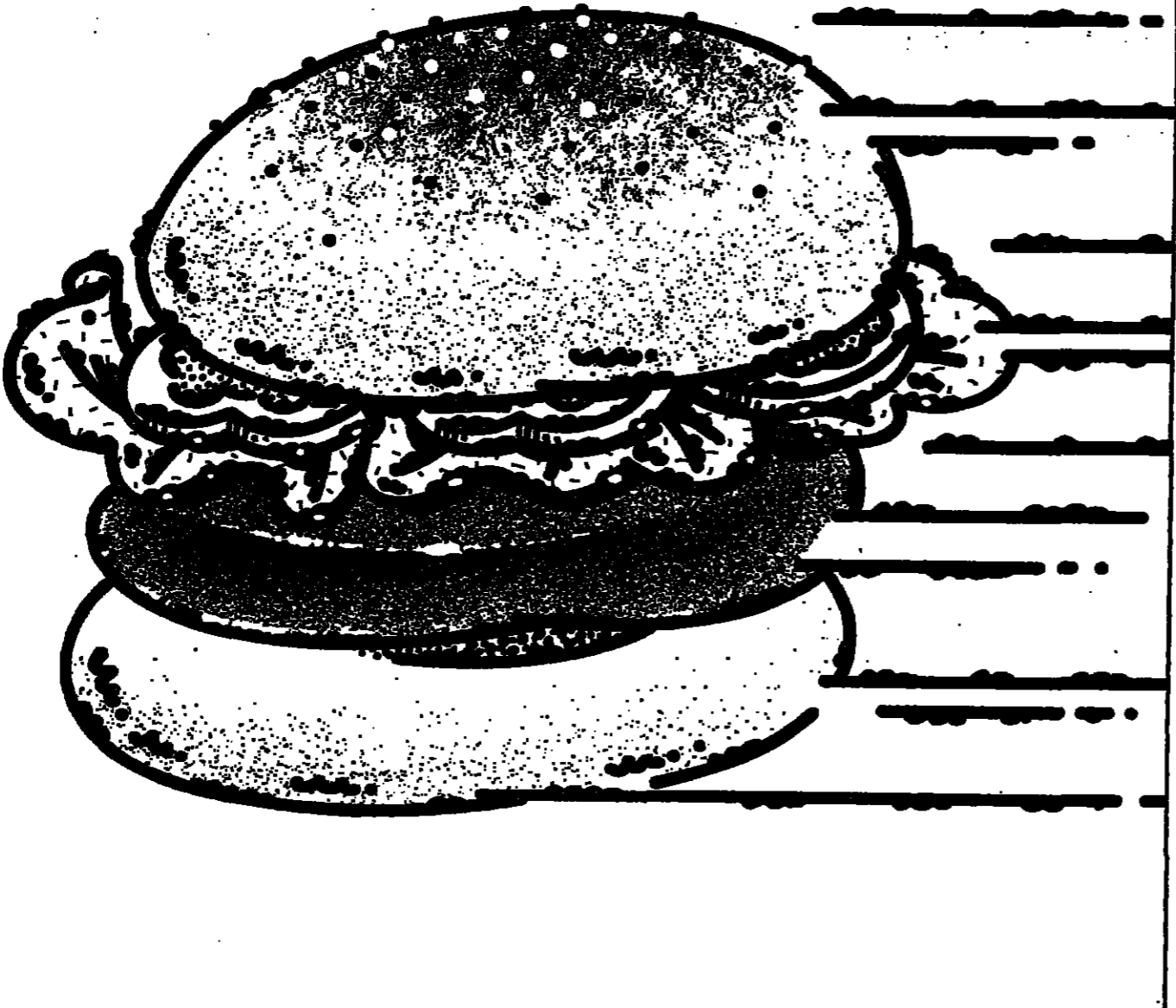
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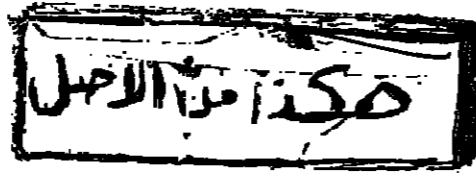
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STOCK MARKET

Traders fear oil prices may fall again if Saudis unload reserves

By Michael Clark

Fears that Saudi Arabia may be planning to unload its huge oil reserves on the world market in the new year have led to speculation that Opec may have to consider another cut in production if it hopes to maintain prices at about \$18 a barrel.

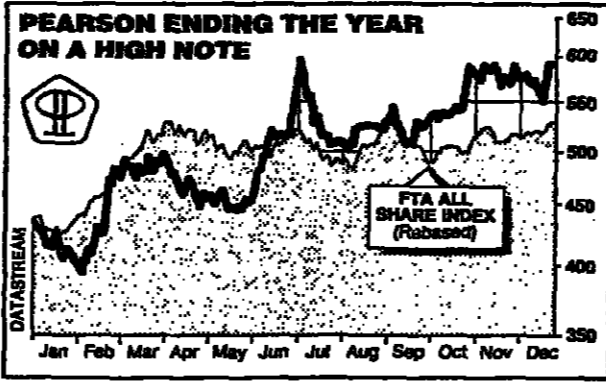
Saudi Arabia is estimated to have about 60 million barrels of oil stored in tankers around the world and it could wreck Opec efforts to boost the price of crude oil if it suddenly starts to flood on to the market.

Mr Philip Kapadia, oil analyst with Raphael Zorn, the broker, says the Saudis hope to sell their reserves before the market is tested in February and this, combined with a mild winter and stalemate in the Iran-Iraq war could bring the price of crude oil back to about \$15.

Earlier this month, Opec oil ministers agreed to cut production to 15.8 million barrels a day. Saudi Arabia was allocated a production quota of 4.1 million barrels. But Mr Kapadia warns that Opec's efforts might not be enough and another reduction of at least 1 million barrels a day may be required. This is likely to be bad news for oil shares which were enjoying a bout of selective support yesterday.

Among the leaders, BP firmed 6p to 72 1/2p, Britoil 2p to 17 1/2p, and Shell a similar amount to 98 1/2p.

Meanwhile, Mr Kapadia regards the onshore operators as



Times and Lazard Brothers merchant bank, looks like ending the old year on a high note. The shares, which have been the source of persistent takeover speculation in recent months, surged back to the 600p level to close 1 1/2p higher at 602p - just 6p below their peak.

Once again, the pundits are talking of a bid for the company in the new year with Hutchison Whampoa, headed by Li Ka-shing, one of Hong Kong's most powerful businessmen, still topping the list of likely predators.

In September, Hutchison announced it had bought a near-5 per cent stake in Pearson, worth £50 million, and expressed an interest in increasing its holding and creating commercial links between the two companies. At the time, Li Ka-shing said he had no interest in making a full bid for Pearson, but Pearson said it would "not

than expected and analysts have already hoisted their profit forecasts for the year to £175 million to about £190 million.

However, suggestions that BTR will launch a knockout bid of 750p a share appear to be wildly optimistic and there is growing speculation in the market that its next offer may be less than 700p a share. BTR finished 1p firmer at 259p. The closing date for the bid is January 24.

Guinness recovered from an early setback following more disclosures over the weekend about the latest twists and turns in the Department of Trade and Industry's investigation into the company's affairs.

The DTI is now looking at evidence provided by Guinness's own financial adviser,

The recovery continues as First National Finance Corp. reacted from the fringe banking crisis in 1975. Full-year figures expected on Monday show pretax profits up from £22 million to £34 million, where the shares, unchanged at 200p, yield a healthy 5.6 per cent.

Morgan Grenfell, about a parcel of 2.1 million shares bought by another merchant bank, Henry Ansbacher, at prices above the current ruling market price. At one stage, the Guinness share price came within a whisker of its low before rallying to close 9p dearer on the day at 290p following news of a successful outcome to a lawsuit it had brought in the US and a new year press up.

Morgan Grenfell's own share price, which has been under a cloud since the inquiry into Guinness was announced, suffered a relapse, falling 9p to 384p, having hit a low of 353p earlier this month.

That compares with the 500p the shares were floated at this summer. But Henry Ansbacher shrugged off the controversy, firming 0.5p to 84.5p.

Shareholders of Mitchell Cotts, the engineer-to-transport-and-trading group, must still be hoping for a prosperous new year. Tiphook, the container and trailer rental group, headed by the ambitious Mr Robert Montague, has built up a near-5 per cent stake and is mentioned as a likely bidder for the remainder.

Last year Mitchell Cotts shareholders saw pretax profits of the group for the year to June plunge from £12 million to just £39,000. Mitchell Cotts ended the session 1.25p dearer at 66.25p where it is valued at £64 million.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

Table with columns for 1986 High/Low/Company, Price Bid/Offer/Chg, and 1986 Volume traded/Price Bid/Offer/Chg. Lists various companies like Allied-Lyons, ASDA-MPI, BAT, etc.

TEMPUS

Goliath Courtaulds needs a bigger sword to beat David

Courtaulds is out of practice in the corporate arena as its bid for Fothergill & Harvey clearly shows. Unless it wants to be billed as the Goliath in this encounter, it is going to have to sharpen up its ideas. There is a very half-hearted offer to its £2.2 million offer.

The predator is hampered by the fact that its shares are selling on about half the prey's rating but the lack of a straight share alternative to the cash-loan note offer has not won over Fothergill shareholders.

Their response last week was a unanimous thumbs down - only 0.94 per cent accepted - so the offer has been extended until January 30. Courtaulds owns only 0.8 per cent of Fothergill.

Courtaulds' motives are not hard to fathom. There is industrial logic in buying into the fast-growing area of advanced materials while engineering fabrics and engineered surfaces fit well into the group's portfolio.

Both companies have been striving to move away from the vicissitudes of the textiles industry. Fothergill, helped by its size, has, however, been able to explore many more avenues.

But the strain of having to finance heavy research and development has made itself felt on the smaller company. And given the long lead time involved in developing products, decisions on expenditure allocation have been hard to make. Espiric, a ceramic consideration, has frequently had to vie with commercial ones.

Courtaulds argues that Fothergill's style of operation would thrive within the cocoon of a larger organization. Fothergill hotly disagrees, saying its skills would be within an organization geared to quantity rather than quality.

The "poison pill" - a joint venture with the American company Cyanamid with the option to buy out the

partner's share in the event of a takeover - was apparently known to Courtaulds.

Assumptions should have been made, therefore, on the value of Fothergill without the joint venture. Some careful negotiations may retain the status quo but Cyanamid may be tempted to buy out its partner if freed to do so.

A profit forecast for Fothergill for the year to December 1986 of about £2.7 million is imminent.

In the new year there will be the opportunity to forecast, albeit tentatively, for the year to the end of December 1987. More than £3.5 million could be on the cards.

Fothergill has a promising but disparate collection of businesses. Although the core of the company is in better shape than before, it is not yet clearly equipped to drive the group forward.

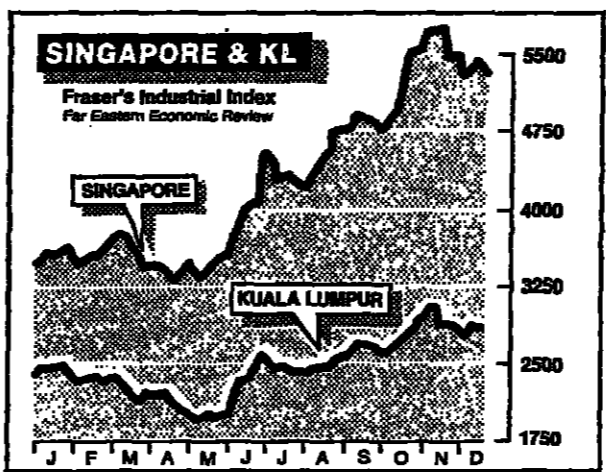
To expect Courtaulds to inject an element of entrepreneurialism may be misplaced, but the expertise presently within the Fothergill camp should continue to flourish under the Courtaulds banner.

Courtaulds should not be carried away by the desire to win this battle at any cost, but it could afford to pay at least 270p without regretting its decision.

Malaysia

Watchers of the volatile Far Eastern economies are fixing their beady eyes on Malaysia. This traditionally commodities-based economy has been behaving out of character: the economy and stock market have not been reflecting the mood in the commodities market.

Commodity prices, while well below their historical heights, recovered well during 1986 but the economy and the stock market were pedestrian performers by comparison. Although the Kuala Lumpur



pur industrial index moved ahead by about 15 per cent during the year, this was a modest advance compared to the impressive showing from Singapore's stock market, which increased by more than 50 per cent.

But indications are that the imbalance will soon be corrected.

The rubber price has risen from 1.83 ringgits a kilogramme (48p per 2.208lbs) to 2.16 ringgits since the end of last year, while palm oil has moved up sharply since August from 450 ringgits a tonne (£118.26) to 700 ringgits.

Present prices are slightly below the levels achieved in recent weeks. But although they are well below their peaks of 1981 and 1984, when rubber and palm oil stood at 3.04 ringgits and 2,000 ringgits respectively, analysts are not expecting prices to drift off further.

This relative stability in commodity prices should help to underpin a recovery in the economy.

The reason given for the feeling of dependency in Kuala Lumpur is lack of confidence. Some banks have accumulated impressive portfolios of bad debts, while the property market, another indicator of sentiment, is

suffering from considerable oversupply.

In an attempt to improve matters, the central bank is believed to have been supporting the system. At the same time it has discouraged lending to anyone with less than perfect credentials.

This has had the effect of gumming up the lending channels, thus making an improvement in the economic situation hard to envisage.

A change of style in political circles is thought to hold the key to the Malaysians' problems. This could come about at the governing party's general assembly in the spring.

Mr Martin Wedgwood of Smith New Court (Far East), the stockbroker, believes that although some problems will undoubtedly remain, the downside in the market is limited. He expects the bounce in commodity prices to feed through to a stronger economy and stock market next year.

The canny but brave investor, keen for a bit of oriental favour in his 1987 portfolio, should, therefore, buy into the Malaysian market ahead of any recovery in confidence. This market is not known for dragging its heels if things look good.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Range of Guinness inquiry widening

Through a series of not disinterested leaks, confessions and publicised statements, the Department of Trade and Industry's inquiry into Guinness is beginning to have shape. It is fairly clear that the inspectors have concentrated on the nature and significance of dealings in Guinness and Distillers shares during the crucial period between March and April 18, the date when the Guinness bid for Distillers in competition with Argyll, finally succeeded.

The sale, or placing, during the battle of some 2.15 million Guinness shares by Morgan Grenfell, Guinness's principal financial adviser at the time, with clients of Henry Ansbacher, is to say the least, interesting, especially in the light of the subsequent purchase, after the battle had been won and lost, of the same shares by Down Nominees, a subsidiary of Ansbacher, at a price noticeably higher than the market price at the time.

As the focus of the investigation is narrowing, the range of the inquiry is also, unavoidably, widening. When the DTI inspectors went in on the morning of December 1, they required access to records not only at Guinness but also at firms which were during the bid for Distillers advising or acting for Guinness, chiefly Morgan Grenfell, Cazenove, Wood Mackenzie and Robert Fleming. The trails cannot in their nature stop at any of these points - as the statement volunteered to the DTI inspectors by Richard Feunhalls, Ansbacher's chief executive, shows.

Guinness is finding itself increasingly isolated. Morgan Grenfell has endeavoured to put as much distance as

it conceivably can from the client for whom it fought a long and bloody battle. The company, and in particular the chairman and chief executive, Ernest Saunders, is being subjected to a covert public relations campaign of misinformation and damaging innuendo. In Scotland great pressure is being put on the two new Guinness non-executive directors with Scottish backgrounds, Sir Norman Macfarlane and Ian Chapman, to resign, from the Guinness board, preferably in dramatic fashion.

Judgement can be fairly made only when the inspectors have completed their report. Meanwhile, the debate on the broader issues raised by the Guinness affair will, and should, continue. Two stand out:

First, The techniques (legal if unlikely to command universal approval) for the successful conduct of contested takeover bids, which are becoming better understood, rapidly, in industry, are such that it may be questioned whether the fate, ie the ownership, of major companies should be determined by their use. Takeovers, in a sense, are too easy.

Second, The close relationships, partly because of their large size and limited number, between the major City firms - merchant banks, stockbrokers, solicitors and other professional advisers - put enormous strains on their ability to act independently in the interest of a client.

The conflicts of interest of the kind coming to light in the Guinness investigation put a question mark not only over individual firms but over the system itself.

Japan lays dollar low

When even the Japanese talk of a lower dollar who is to ginsay their? Not yesterday's dyspeptic foreign exchange markets. After the remarks by Satoshi Sumita, the Japanese central bank governor, that a dollar rate of ¥159 to ¥160 would be acceptable they promptly marked the dollar down to the lower end of the indicated range from the previous close of ¥161.95.

In relatively thin markets between the two holiday periods the movement is probably less significant than it seems. But combined with concern about tomorrow's US trade figures and general gloom about American economic prospects in the new year Mr Sumita's remarks made for a decidedly weak dollar.

The central bank governor's intervention marks another chapter in the somewhat uneven relationship of the US-Japan exchange rate pact. So far, Japan seems to have gained more from the deal than the US, having done relatively little to reflate its economy and enjoying a more stable dollar-yen rate for its exports. But yesterday's movement, if maintained, will make it that bit harder for Japanese exporters.

Elsewhere in foreign exchange markets the pound moved erratically, first falling to close just 0.1 below its previous close at 68.9 in terms of the trade weighted index. Against the dollar it was more than a cent higher at \$1.4680.

The main immediate influences on sterling are the oil price and the opinion polls. Both are going sterling's way. Oil yesterday rose another 30 cents to \$17.60 a barrel.

The polls, too, are reassuring the market. The most recent evidence suggests Mrs Thatcher has every chance of being returned in the coming election which the markets equate with relatively sound finance and less uncertainty.

This degree of support for sterling has only been purchased at the cost of very high interest rates. If international investors feel happier with a Conservative government that does not mean that they feel comfortable with a fuzzy monetary policy and uncertain fiscal policy. What would really reassure them is for Britain to become a full member of the European Monetary System. The fact that this is very unlikely leaves sterling more exposed than it job be.

Embattled tobacco industry weighs up its strategy

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

UP IN SMOKE

Table with columns: Jan 1, Retail price (pence), Tax Costs (inc VAT) profit. Lists prices for 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988 (Mar 21).

Source: Tobacco Advisory Council

A fraught new year - likely to bring squeezed profit margins and the most intense marketing battle for years - lies ahead for Britain's beleaguered tobacco industry.

New pricing tactics have introduced a fourth sector to an increasingly fragmented market while increasing the possibility of an ever-widening price war.

The room for manoeuvre by manufacturers trying to seize more market share through lower pricing is also tight. This is because a substantial tax increase in the next Budget could push many premium brands into the psychological safety level of £1.50 for 20, facing manufacturers within a few months with a far tougher selling climate in which price will assume even more significance for the smoker.

Another key factor is a sharper rate of decline in sales. In October there was an annual decline of 6 per cent, according to trade estimates, although there has been some recovery since.

But the present sales level, put by many in the industry at about 4 per cent lower than last year, still double the rate of decline seen over the past few years.

The British manufacturers are also under pressure from cheap imports. These have risen from 7 per cent of the market a year ago to 10 per cent. Tobacco manufacturers with spare capacity, mostly West German, have been supplying mainly own-label products for supermarkets and other retail chains which have been selling at prices about 20p below the main branded cigarettes.

The manufacturers blame rises in British taxation for treating the pricing conditions in which the cheaper cigarettes are thriving. But there is also pressure from smaller British manufacturers like the London Tobacco Company and the Manchester Tobacco Company which are also

market is worth about £54 million in annual sales.

Imperial, part of Hanson Trust and Britain's biggest tobacco manufacturer, however, has cut 5p off John Player Special, reducing the price to £1.45.

It says that, with a glossier pack, this is part of a relaunch strategy for the brand to bolster Imperial's overall market share which has been shrinking for several years. It is also introducing a longer-length John Player Special at £1.47.

Competitors see it as a marketing tactic to improve sales for a brand which has lost its momentum.

Although there are no signs that Imperial is planning price cuts on any other brands, it is, given the John Player Special market share, an aggressive move which its other main competitors will find hard to ignore.

Rothman, whose brands include Dunhill and Peter Stuyvesant as well as the Rothman label, is still considering the situation and does not expect to make a statement before the new year.

Gallaher, the second-biggest British manufacturer, says it has no immediate plans for price changes. It argues that the Imperial move does not necessarily upset the whole market.

There has already been some other price repositioning of brands as the threat of the cheaper imports and own-label brands has grown. The big manufacturers have to some extent been plugging the gap between the cheap cigarettes and the main brands.

The market could end up with four distinctly priced sectors ranging from the cheap imports and own-labels, through the Lambert and Butler segment and the new John Player-Marlboro sector to the premium brands.

If, as seems likely, the Chancellor brings in another hefty tax increase on cigarettes in the coming Budget - it was an extra 11p a pack last time - a full percentage point market share in the cigarette

could grow further, and that would mean the British manufacturers could be faced with more closures and job cuts.

Six tobacco factories have been closed in three years, and the Tobacco Advisory Council, the manufacturers' trade body, expects that jobs, which numbered 27,500 in 1984, are likely to be down to 20,000 at some stage next year.

Earlier this month, Imperial, which has closed a factory at Stirling and stopped cigarette production in Glasgow, announced a further loss of 350 mainly administrative jobs, bringing the total of job cuts over the next 12 months to 550.

Price-cutting is bound to squeeze profit margins. This will make the manufacturers look even harder at factory capacity and workforce levels.

It is almost certain that in January they will forgo what has become almost a regular price increase, usually 2p a pack, matched by a similar increase in the summer.

It looks like a bumpy ride from now on for all the big tobacco manufacturers, leaving one big question mark on strategy. None of the big British makers has yet moved to supply the own-label market. As things get tougher that could still come.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table with columns: Institution, Rate. Lists rates for ABN, Adam & Company, BCCI, Citibank Savings, Consolidated, Co-operative Bank, C. Hoare & Co, Hong Kong & Shanghai, Lloyds Bank, Nat Westminster, Royal Bank of Scotland, TSB, Citibank NA, and Mortgage Base Rate.





# Big bids take the limelight

### Takeover battles boosted the ranks of stock market front-runners as losers slipped on lower oil prices

This has proved to be a year of more spectacular leaders than laggards on the stock market. Hardly surprising, given that the market is ending 1986 much higher than when it started and the FT All-Share index is nearly back at its year's high.

Top of the leaders' list is our very own News International, owner of *The Times*, *Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *News of the World*. The restricted voting shares registered a spectacular 247 per cent gain in an extremely thin market.

The move to a high technology printing plant at Wapping in East London, shedding several thousand print jobs, helped to boost NI's profits in the half year to June 30 by 67 per cent, before taking into account the £66.3 million exceptional costs of the move.

Next came Pentland Industries with a 242 per cent advance, the second successive year of heady growth. Pentland's star performer was Reebok, a 37 per cent owned American associate which makes the Vapors' favourite jogging shoe. It contributed 85 per cent of Pentland's pretax profits in the half year to June 30.

once mighty Sinclair and launched its own, hugely successful IBM compatible personal computer at a highly competitive price.

Amstrad is also part of the consortium which earlier this month won the Direct Broadcasting Satellite contract from the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

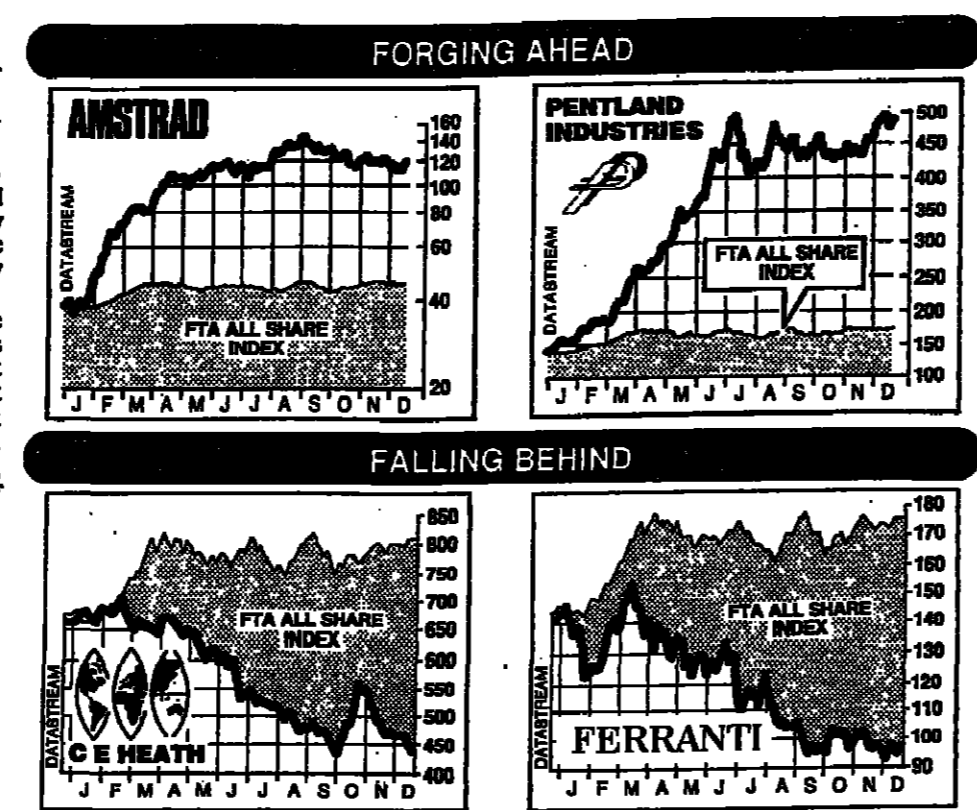
Several of the other winners were on the receiving end of bids.

AVV Holdings, which showed a 141 per cent gain, fought off Siebe's £220 million bid, but earned itself a re-rating in the process. Its defence included a forecast of an 80 per cent profit increase in 1986.

Wedgwood was another bid beneficiary. It was taken over by the Irish crystal maker Waterford to save it from the unwanted clutches of London International Group.

AR, which showed an 86 per cent advance, was the one that nearly got away. It fought off Turner & Newall's bid by the narrowest of squeaks, only to have the escape disallowed by the Takeover Panel. T&N rebid and outbid the rival Hollis Group.

T&N also came out of the experience well, gaining more than its prey at 103 per cent over the year. Pretax profits in the half year to the end of June



rose 40 per cent, aided by a fall in asbestos claims.

Other bid situations included McCaughey, the specialist printer taken over by Norton Opax after a hard-fought struggle; Bryant Holdings being bid for by English China Clays; Imperial Continental Gas which has found temporary respite in the Monopolies Commission from a bid by the Barclay brothers and Pilkington Brothers, the glassmaker on the receiving end of a bid from BTR.

Teaser Kemsley & Milbourn, the motor trader and property developer, had a rewarding year under the New Zealand Mr Ron Brierley, who took control in the middle of last year. Drastic slimming action has paid off and the acquisition of Kemsley Motors, which will double TKM's turnover, has yet to be felt.

Other leaders that were not beneficiaries of bids included Abaca, the rapidly expanding financial services group that recently sold a 12 per cent slice

book and strong profit growth. Hopes of a bid, which gave some share price support early in the year, were dashed when the Monopolies Commission said no to GEC's bid for Plessey.

Trafalgar House, the property, construction and shipbuilding group, was hit by the fall in oil prices. In the year to September it wrote off more than £100 million because of its exposure to oil and gas production and the offshore construction industry. Pretax profits only managed a 2 per cent rise to £145.8 million.

Dee Corporation, the super-markets group, went on an extensive buying spree in America and Britain and issued 400 million shares to fund the activity. In March Dee bought Herman's Sporting Goods, the largest retailer of its kind in the US, for £278 million.

I followed this with the acquisition in June of Fine Fare and Shoppers Paradise from Associated British Foods for £686 million. Finally, it added M&H Sporting Goods in the US for £44 million and Medicare in Britain for £20 million.

The glut of paper and fears that organic growth was giving way to acquisition-led growth have caused share price weakness.

Avans, the food manufacturing group, followed disappointing results for 1985-86 with disappointing interims to September 27, showing pretax profits only 6.5 per cent higher at £8.8 million. The company is suffering from stagnant sales in mature markets and is investigating new projects to take it out of the traditional grocery areas.

Boots, the chemist, has suffered this year despite bid speculation. The £400 million acquisition of Flint, an American manufacturer and distributor of prescription medicines, was not as rapidly received. The acquisition involved the largest ever vendor placing in London and the first with 100 per cent clawback for ordinary shareholders.

The drinks and brewing group Guinness also rates as a laggard. Although it won Distillers after a bitter battle with Argyl Group, its stock has fallen after wrangles over who was to be chairman and, worse still, the appointment of a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into the company over suspected insider trading.

Ferranti, the electrical and electronic engineer, upset the market with an unexpected announcement last July of a fall in 1985-86 profits. Interim results announced in November failed to mollify, despite the company's optimistic noises about a record order

## News Corp to raise £878m for H&WT bid

Melbourne (Reuters) - Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation said yesterday it would raise Aus\$1.87 billion (£878 million) through the placement of shares or notes and through a bill acceptance-discounting facility if its cash offer for the Herald and Weekly Times was accepted.

News Ltd, its wholly-owned subsidiary, is offering Aus\$12 a share cash or a scrip alternative of two News Corporation shares or two convertible notes for every three H&WT shares.

The offer document said Aus\$750 million would be raised by placing 41.67 million News Corporation shares or convertible notes underwritten by JB Were and Son and Bache Coris and Carr.

The remaining Aus\$1.12 billion would be raised through a 24-month bill acceptance-discounting facility with optional letters of credit provided by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the offer said. The bank planned to syndicate the facility.

News Ltd and News Corporation expect to provide the funds to service the debt from the facility from their own resources, it said. The facility would be refinanced with long-term debt and the amount outstanding would be reduced by Aus\$250 million within six months of the first drawdown, it said.

After conversion of all News Corporation convertible notes, the group's issued capital will rise by 16 per cent if every offerer accepts the cash or by 41 per cent if every offerer takes the alternatives of News Corporation shares or convertible notes.

If the takeover succeeds, H&WT will sell wholly-owned Herald-Sun TV, which has the

licence for channel HSV-7 in Melbourne, and its 59 per cent stake in Television Broadcasters, which owns channel ADS-7 in Adelaide.

The Trade Practices Commission has agreed to allow News Corporation to sell some of its media interests within specified times to meet ownership regulations.

The commission has said that if it is satisfied with the sales agreements and the proposed buyers, it will not object to the H&WT takeover.

It is also seeking an undertaking from Mr Robert Holmes a Court's JN Taylor Holdings that it will not dispatch its proposed offer for H&WT shares until it too satisfies ownership conditions.

JN Taylor, a Bell Group subsidiary, bid Aus\$13 a share with scrip alternatives for H&WT on December 24, three weeks after the News Ltd bid.

Mr Holmes a Court said in Perth yesterday that he expected H&WT to decide on his takeover bid by the end of this week.

Some market analysts believe the H&WT board may recommend both the JN Taylor cash offer and News Corporation's scrip alternative, which at present share prices place a similar value on the H&WT group. Both offers include a choice of cash, scrip or convertible notes.

Mr Holmes a Court said such a recommendation "would be nonsense. If there is not a clear recommendation, we are entitled to withdraw our Aus\$13 a share bid. If there is, we are obliged to proceed."

Both the Taylor counter bid and News Ltd's offer are conditional on a favourable recommendation by the H&WT board.

## New ship orders plunge

Paris (Reuters) - The world shipbuilding industry saw a 33 per cent fall in new orders in the first nine months of this year compared with the same period last year, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development said.

The OECD report showed Europe the hardest hit, with new orders dropping 73 per cent to 499 vessels, against 1,870 in the first nine months of 1985.

This was four points worse than the 69 per cent fall recorded in the first half of 1986, compared with the same period last year.

Japan's new orders dropped 19.5 per cent to 4,510 vessels against 5,604 at the end of the third quarter in 1985.

West Germany received new orders for 73 vessels, compared with 596 at the same time last year. France had 57 new orders against 251; Italy 18 against 307; and Britain 36 compared with 284.

THE LEADERS				
	Price (p) end 85	Price (p) Dec22 86	Chng (%)	Value £'000
News International	620	£21.5	247	1,708,848
Pentland Industries	142	487	242	452,510
Amstrad	48	122	211	665,144
APV Holdings	245	500	141	188,033
Tozer Kemsley	65	153	135	69,777
Wedgwood	239	555	132	108,410
Jefferson Smurfit	145	330	128	285,041
Myson Group	65	147	126	32,890
Ratners	117	256	119	41,113
Mountbatten Group	510	£11.1	119	135,244
British Vita	131	285	117	59,328
Abaca	30	65	115	32,381
Daily Mail & Gen	£13	£28	113	65,468
Blue Arrow	184	390	112	43,727
IC Gas	298	611	105	395,658
Turner & Newall	84	172	103	96,721
Bernard Matthews	138	298	102	89,379
Pritchard Services	58	117	102	67,027
Regalian Properties	166	325	96	39,599
Henderson Admin	500	963	93	103,440
Daily Mail A	£12	£23	90	600
Assoc Newspapers	223	423	89	2760
H Samuel A	81	152	88	66,579
AE	139	258	86	137,521
J Crowther Group	83	153	84	26,895
McCorquodale	151	271	81	77,227
J Waddington	109	202	84	57,133

THE LAGGARDS				
	Price (p) end 85	Price (p) Dec22 86	Chng (%)	Value £'000
Triton Europe	280	139	-51	231,000
CE Heath	683	432	-36	208,309
LASMO	243	159	-35	387,324
Ferranti	144	97	-33	619,272
Diploma	288	213	-26	150,854
Trafalgar House	346	280	-25	1,192,229
Dee Corporation	268	204	-24	1,292,295
Avana Group	589	463	-21	205,679
Ultramar	201	160	-20	548,641
Britoil	208	171	-18	1,045,076
Brammar	323	273	-15	135,902
Caledonia Intv	313	268	-14	302,984
Boots	261	226	-13	1,903,712
Northern Foods	286	248	-13	605,130
European Farnes	139	121	-13	310,544
Harris Queensway	231	202	-13	352,668
Guinness	321	289	-10	683,989
Sedgwick Group	353	317	-10	1,059,988
British & Cornin	320	288	-10	655,744
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# Ginny Leng and Murphy Himself combine to produce all that is best in sport



This is the time of year when wise people take the top off the Glenmorangie bottle and talk about sport. Discussing anything over Glenmorangie tends to bathe the tongue in whisky.

The point of such discussion is not to reach a conclusion, but to recall and to share the uncoloured and uncomplicated pleasures that sport, more than anything else, can bring so readily and so often.

Another log on the fire? Another drop? Why not? And we can talk about the glorious Dancing Brave's thundering flight to victory in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe or of the joys of Wislizen and the World Cup.

But as I look for the one moment to savour, I cannot help but return again and again to the same thing. Visual memory is an odd thing: I can recall with perfect vividness no more than one second of the event: a grey horse suddenly breasting a fold in the ground with an extraordinary bounding elastic stride, ridden by a dashing lady in purple.



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cheer and weep and drink champagne from the bucket instead she smiled and said she was pleased for the horse. Non-horsey people have an idea that riding horses is about domination. It is not. It is about co-operation. If the understanding between horse and rider is not a two-way thing, you neither do any good nor have any fun.

But that was not why Ginny was filled with delight. The pleasure was that her horse, her partner, had shown all the straight-running courage and spring and gentleness she had believed he possessed.

That is why Ginny Leng gets the vote as my own private Sportsview Personality of the Year. In second place comes Murphy Himself. Now, pass the Glenmorangie, and if you have another three hours to spare, I'd like to tell you about my own horse...

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# ICE HOCKEY

## Fera equals record in Racers' spree

As the Heineken League approaches half-way, Murrayfield Racers continue to dominate the premier division and more emphatically against Selthill Barons on Saturday and at home to Whitley on Sunday, increased their lead over Dundee Rockets to five points.

While Murrayfield dominate the top of the table, Cleveland Bombers are in danger of being touched at the bottom. Outshot 56-17 at Fife, they are still looking for their second win. Solihull Barons are not doing much better and, although Brian Puhalski, who scored four times at Durham, seems a valuable acquisition, he needs help. Wasps' win took them above Ayr into fourth place.

# AMERICAN FOOTBALL

## Redskins kicked out of hock

The coach of a National Football League club recently called Eric Dickerson "a touch-down waiting to happen."

Washington's low-ranked defence intercepted Jim Everett, the Rams' quarterback, twice. Dickerson, who led the league in the regular season with 1,821 yards on 404 carries, gained 158 yards on 26 runs on Sunday, but his fumbles were critical. The Rams have not defeated the Redskins since 1974.

# POOLS FORECAST

Table with columns for Division, Home Team, Away Team, and Odds. Includes sections for First Division, Second Division, and Scottish Premier.

# TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table listing football fixtures for various leagues including Central League, Football Combination, South East Counties League, Rugby Union, and Other Sport.

# Law Report December 30 1986

## Pending trial in libel action not sufficient to postpone statement in court

Barnet v Crozier and Another Before Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson [Judgment December 11] Parties who had made a bona fide settlement of a libel action and sought leave to make a statement in open court might expect to be allowed to do so unless some sufficient reason appeared on the material before the judge why leave should be refused. The judge had to have regard to the interests of all the parties.

Under the terms of the settlement The Spectator would join in making a statement in open court. In his judgment The Spectator accepted that neither the plaintiff nor IPS was a front for Cuban Intelligence and that neither was controlled by the KGB. An agreed order was made that the terms of the statement in open court would also be published in The Spectator.

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As to the defamatory nature of the terms of the statement, he concluded that the making of reference to the issue of defamation meant that the judge did not consider it. The explanation in all probability was, as Lord Justice Nourse had suggested in argument, that the judge considered it and thought nothing of it.





David Miller predicts loss of grass at Kooyong will end Davis Cup greatness for Fraser's men

Australia may never surface again

The Australians should savour their triumph in the Davis Cup. It may never happen again - and almost certainly not for a very long time. The days of Pat Cash may become a fond memory like Britain's pre-War era with Fred Perry. The reason is that the Australians could be about to commit tennis suicide.

Cash, for the moment regarded locally as a superman, on account of his second, and exceptional, performance in four years in Davis Cup finals, has won only a single Grand Prix tournament in his career, here in Melbourne. Without grass, with a squad of mostly aging players and with few outstanding youngsters on the horizon, Australia will be hard pressed to sustain its prestige in this competition.

Yet, so difficult did both Pickard and Hans Olsson, the Swedish team manager, find the task of encouraging the phlegmatic Edberg to wind himself up last weekend that he may well have regretted, for the time being at least, his place in the team for the first round next year. The team then is likely to be Wilander and Nyström, with Pernfors the alternative choice for singles.

Edberg was interviewed immediately after defeat in last Sunday's doubles, he was eerily detached. How are Sweden's chances now, going 2-1 behind, he was asked? Almost with a shrug he replied: "Tomorrow is another day."

It is symptomatic of the Swedish attitude that Pernfors, rather than play in the Australian Open starting in two weeks, is going home to practice for a month with Malmqvist. "We can improve everything in his game, especially his serve and forehand," Malmqvist said. "We want to establish a place in the top ten."

German welcome

Australia's Davis Cup victory has earned it a place in World Team Cup from May 18 to 24, organizers of the \$500,000 (about £344,000) tournament in Düsseldorf announced yesterday. Australia's entry as a wild card joins France, the holders, Sweden, the best of Melbourne finalists, United States, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Argentina and West Germany who qualified on the basis of the rankings of their top two players.

It was a sharp contrast with the intensity exhibited by the Australians, Sweden, the best of Melbourne finalists, United States, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Argentina and West Germany who qualified on the basis of the rankings of their top two players.

It may once have been, but no more, never mind an unforgettable final certainly not without the likes of McEnroe and Lendl in the competition. These days, professionals gauge their season by where they finish in the rankings. If you lose one match... there is always another day.

The bold switch decided upon by the Australian association could change the face of their national game in several ways. The rest of the world's players would no longer make the long trip so readily for gaining experience on grass, which would then become almost exclusive to Wimbledon; Australian players would simultaneously have to breed a new competence on a different surface, with fewer foreign players against whom to test themselves; and the Swedes would probably have won 5-0 and that with almost any trio selected from seven or eight players.

During his speech at the celebration banquet, Fraser congratulated Sweden on their sportsmanship and said that Australia had something to learn from the manner in which the Swedes can accept defeat. In sporting terms they are, as we discovered with Borg, about as emotional as a snowman. It is as much the secret of their winning as of the congeniality in defeat.

When, in Munich last year, Wilander and Nyström were unbeatable, always so important, against Becker and Maurer, the Swedish squad was wholly without elation as it returned to the locker room. "It was quite unlike anything I have ever experienced when anyone has just won a vital match," Tony Pickard, who is personal coach to Edberg, says. "They were quite unmoved. This Swedish temperament, while it can exasperate you when trying to get them motivated, it is a tremendous asset, because they can also recover instantly from defeat, which seldom undermines them. They are all like this."

Gomer confidence receives a tonic

Sara Gomer, from Devon, made a satisfactory, if slightly premature, start in her 1987 season yesterday by beating Etsuko Inoue 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the first round of the Japan 2000 women's tournament.

Wild card granted to Lendl

Adelaide (Agencies) - Ivan Lendl, the world number one, has been granted a wild-card entry to play in the doubles competition at the South Australian men's open championships which stand at the Memorial Drive grass courts here yesterday.

The Japanese player may not bear in mind that he is immediately to mind when thinking of the world's better grass court exponents, but she did perform commendably during last summer's Dow Chemical event in Birmingham. At times she also performed with credit against Miss Gomer, using a beautifully fluid serve and volley game that had her British opponent struggling during the early stages.

The Czechoslovak player, who has not attended the singles competition, arrived here yesterday after a 30-hour flight from the United States and partner, the American Bill Scanlon in order to gain some extra grass-court practice before the Australian Open starts at Kooyong on January 12. He last played here six years ago when he spearheaded a rest-of-the-world team against an American trio in a challenge series.

In one of the tournament's opening singles matches, Amos Mansdorf, an Israeli army sergeant who is seeded second, survived to fight again after two tough tie-breakers in his encounter with Peter Doolan, of Australia, who completes his three-year compulsory military service next month, was taken to three sets by Doolan before winning 7-6, 2-6, 6-1.



Doolan, who beat Mansdorf here last year, lost the first tie-break 8-6, played consistently to take the second set and kept up the pressure in the third only to lose the tie-break 7-4. Mansdorf, ranked 39th in the world, attributes part of his success to his new coach Peter Fishbach, with whom he has been training officially for only a few days.

Christie, aged 24, the elder brother of the middleweight Errol Christie, stands between McKenzie and his third British championship victory, which would give him a championship belt outright in the space of 139 days.

Real Madrid, the champions, stayed in second place after scoring a point in their 3-2 draw with fifth-placed Sporting Gijón.

Nick Moody, the technical director of the SVA, said yesterday: "It's an exceptional opportunity for Scottish coaches. Beal is without a doubt the best coach to show an interest in coming to the United Kingdom." The English Association also hope to tempt Beal south to take a clinic.

Against East, South started well and dominated the first half, with Lesley Hobley giving them a 1-0 lead, but in the second half they were subdued, second half they were subdued, second half they were subdued, second half they were subdued.

McKenzie stopped his name-sake, Clinton McKenzie, in three rounds on September 20 and made his first defence on October 25 when he beat Mike Harris over 10 rounds. He has won 16 of his 19 professional bouts in a three-year career, and is Leicester's third recent champion, following Tony Silson and Chris Prytt.

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Scotland lure top US coach

The Scottish Volleyball Association will spend £4,000 to bring Doug Beal, coach of the 1984 American men's winning Olympic team, to Scotland from July 4 to 11 to take a coaching seminar in an attempt to upgrade domestic standards.

Indoor world cup brought up short

Neither West Germany, the European champions, nor The Netherlands are among the 11 entries for the first World Cup indoor hockey tournament to be held in Canberra from March 2 to 10, 1988.

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RUGBY UNION

Mixed fortunes as England selectors are kept waiting

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

It is the time of year when players, particularly those with international aspirations, start feeling those twinges which suggest that trial matches may not be such a good idea.

Risk of injury depletes Bath

Bath's 11 players in the England trial have pulled out of their club's visit to Cardiff on New Year's Day.

Two of the North's capped locks, Steve Bainbridge and Wade Dooley, are still hindered by injury.

Welsh cup seeding row is over

The year-and-a-half-long row over clubs' seeding in the Schweppes Cup has been agreed.

Turner on brink of 'defecting'

Welsh rugby's top scorer, Paul Turner, is casting his eyes towards England for the elusive international cap.

TENNIS

ATP still searching for perfect head director

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The Association of Tennis Professionals, the men's tennis 'players' union, who have been without an executive director since August, are unlikely to appoint a successor to Mike Davies until the end of February at the earliest.

Clinics with a difference for the Rugby Union hopefuls Big names bring the youngsters into line

Of all the sports affected by the changing attitudes in society towards school sport, Rugby Union is one of the most vulnerable.

David Barclay hardly looks like the Quixotic character Cervantes created, but he is not a man who shies away from tilting at windmills.



Showing the way: Andy Ripley puts young players through their paces at David Barclay's clinic in Sevenoaks, Kent

you get to see the internationals." Steve Sales, also 12, added: "It's something to get you away from your relatives."

Neither Ripley nor Best had ever coached children before - indeed Ripley maintains no-one has ever asked him to. And that in itself is an

indictment of a system which, according to many of those present, has failed to garner the talents of ex-internationals to the service of a game they love.

Crawford, who has refereed numerous schools matches this year, says he fears parents are withdrawing their children from the sport because of its image of violence as portrayed on television and in the media.

at some schools rugby is dying out. Teachers are not available to coach them any more. Hunt and Crawford both urged a much more aggressive drive by the rugby authorities to market the game to appeal to youth.

Time for entrepreneurs to halt slide in appeal

By David Hands

It was a coincidence that, earlier this month, two north westerners should voice essentially the same plea on the same day regarding the development of rugby union.

teachers' industrial action has thrust the load back on the shoulders of the independent schools; the withdrawal of local authority grants; declining interest among boys themselves.

The amount of work devolving upon clubs has increased dramatically anyway with the decline of rugby coaching in schools. But not all clubs are sufficiently well-blessed with either facilities or expertise, the expertise necessary to teach the game to boys as opposed to coaching young men.

Hence the reason for rugby union to improve its shop window, in the way that the technical administrators in the four divisions have been trying to do.

earlier this year mentioned the scope for joint use with schools of club facilities which are rarely used for as much as 12 hours a week.



Out for Africa: Ari Vanoni (left), the Finnish rally-driver, and his Italian rival, Andrea Zannasi, (right), preparing for the Paris-to-Dakar rally, which starts on January 1

RUGBY LEAGUE

By Keith Macklin

Paul Bishop, the Warrington scrum half, has suffered a blow to his hopes of playing in the John Player Special Trophy final against Wigan at Burnden Park a week on Saturday.

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SPORT

Amid Australia's agony, one-day cricket grinds on

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Melbourne

While yesterday was a time for relaxation and rejoicing in the England camp, the Australian team returned to the scene of their crushing defeat on Sunday, to try, in their manager's words, "to remedy what we are doing wrong".

made on the players and the excesses that are being visited on the game. The West Indies and Pakistan are already there, just over a month after finishing a Test series in Pakistan. They meet today. The England and Australian teams will be herded some 2,000 miles across the continent this evening, driven like cattle before the whips.

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"It is a time for shame and a time for change," comforted a leader in the Melbourne Herald on Australia's performance. "The first thing to be said is that wholesale, indiscriminate and messy slaughter is not the long-term solution." Richie Benaud wrote. "The less said about the cricket the better," was the Australian Prime Minister's contribution.

No one, meanwhile, keeps a lower profile in Australian cricketing circles than Kerry Packer and that is not surprising. To use an Australian expression, it was Mr Packer's hijacking of the game here that "rooted" it, first by splitting it down the middle when it was flourishing, and then, after coming to an accommodation with the Australian Board, by glorifying and commercializing the one-day game at an appalling cost to the traditional version.

Imran is facing a fight for fitness

Perth (Reuters) - Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, is doubtful for today's opening encounter against the West Indies in the one-day tournament being played here until January 7.

The brilliant all-rounder has an injured left thigh and bowled at only quarter pace in the nets yesterday, saying that if he played he would bowl at medium pace or not at all. England and Australia are also competing in the seven-match competition which is part of a sporting festival surrounding yachting's America's Cup.

Mill Hill's offer lures Lock

Tony Lock, at the age of 57 still, arguably, the world's greatest living exponent of the spinner's art, has returned back to England from his hillside retreat in the sweetly named Darting Ranges in Western Australia. He has accepted a professional coaching engagement at Mill Hill School, north London, from next spring until the end of the summer.

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with the last Test match sandwiched among them. Cricket is now Border's treadmill. Since his first in 1978-79, he has played 137 one-day internationals, a laughable figure if it were not so crazy. By mid-February he could have played 152.

Not, for the moment, being masters in their own house, the Australian Board convey a sense of well-meaning impotence. They will be pleased, though, that their tour to West Indies in the spring of 1988 does not look like materialising. A final decision on this will be made at the Board meeting in Perth on January 6.

The ACB must know all this. Yet when England were here last, early in 1985, Border was already saying that he was sick and tired of one-day cricket. Australia at the time were playing 10 solid weeks of it. Today he faces another five,

recent drawn Test series in Pakistan, is definitely ruled out with a chipped knuckle in his left hand. Despite that, Imran is not too downhearted, claiming that his two all-rounders, Wasim Akram and Mansoor Elahi, would thrill the Perth crowds. Wasim, he said, is the best player in the world at his age, while for sheer power Mansoor rivaled Ian Botham.

For their part the West Indies' only problems surround a decision on which of their six fast bowlers to leave out and whether or not to use Roger Harper, the off-spinner. WEST INDIES (captain): V Richards (capt), D Holder, G Greenidge, R Richardson, I Gomes, G Logie, J Dujon, R Harper, M Marshall, M Holding, W Benjamin, J Garner, C Walcott, T Gray. PAKISTAN (captain): I Khan (capt), J Inshad, R Inis, E Ahmed, A Muzam, S Younis, W Akram, S Jaffer, Z Khan, T Ahmed.

England partner, Jim Laker. With his reputation as an irascible yet scrupulously fair man, Lock is sure to be a tough taskmaster for the budding cricketers in his charge. He ruled Western Australia anticratically, dragging them up from their also-ran status to great heights by the force of his personality; he even administered a tongue-lashing to the young Dennis Lillee. Mill Hill had also approached other former top cricketers in Australia and South Africa.

The Aga Khan's famous colours of green with red epaulettes have been carried to victory in two of the last six Epsom Derbys, by Shergar (1981) and Shahrazadi (1986). He also won the French Derby in 1984 with Darshaan and in 1985 with Moukhtar.

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From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

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Hollins paid Queen's Park Rangers £450,000 for Wicks, a central defender, during the summer but he has played only half a dozen first team games. Hazard, a midfield player, has made only three senior starts this season, his failure to win a place even during Chelsea's bleakest period proving a puzzle for Stamford Bridge supporters.

Since his £300,000 move from Tottenham Hotspur in September 1985, Hazard has made 22 League appearances. Both have been out of the first team since Chelsea were crushed 4-0 at home by Wimbledon on December 6. Hollins said: "We haven't had any offers for either player yet." Chelsea ended a run of 10 games without a win at Southampton on Boxing Day and followed that with a 4-1 home triumph over Aston Villa to move off the bottom of the first division.

An age old problem run out for Stange of patience

By Chris Moore

Ron Saunders and Billy McNeill kicked any remaining Christmas spirit firmly into touch yesterday after warning their respective West Bromwich Albion and Aston Villa squads that matters must improve.

Saunders, clearly incensed at West Bromwich's inept showing in their last three second division games, which have yielded a solitary point, told his players that their day of reckoning was fast approaching. "At the moment my hands are still tied because of injuries so I cannot bark until I can bite," Saunders said, "but things are going to get a lot less comfortable around here just as soon as our injury problems are sorted out."

Derek Statham and George Reilly, neither of whom has kicked a ball in the first team this season, are likely to be the first to benefit as Saunders sharpens his act. Both had another run-out in last night's friendly with Telford United, who return to the Hawthorns in 11 days for their controversial FA Cup third round tie with Leeds United.

McNeill, meanwhile, was still smarting yesterday from Saturday's 4-1 hiding at the hands of the then bottom club, Chelsea, which dragged Villa back into the relegation places. Their next engagement is a New Year's Day visit to the London Park where the Villa manager watched Everton humble Leicester City 5-1 on Sunday.

"The same thing could happen to us unless there is an all-round improvement on Thursday," McNeill said. "Villa's £350,000 summer signing, Neal Cooper, who has been plagued by a groin injury since his arrival from Aberdeen, could make his long-delayed debut."

Peter Reid will not be fit to return for Everton. Reid, who earlier this month made a 20-minute appearance as substitute against Wimbledon, suffered a thigh strain in that match which is still troubling him.

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